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BATTLES OF THE PAST—COUNTRY PICTURES—THE LOCAL FAIR SEX—THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE—THE CASTLE OF HRADEK.

Special Correspondence of the New-York Times.

SCHLOSS HRADEK, NEAR KONIGGRATZ, Tuesday, July 15, 1873.

How different is this *vie de Bohéme* from that of which poor Henry Murger wrote so well. My last letter left off at Prague. I was trying to describe the very complicated process by which I was evolved from Carlsbad and landed here, but only Thackeray could have succeeded in a "Roundabout" paper in doing this thoroughly, and so having left off with the persecutions of the Jews in Roumania—whilom in Bohemia, and generally their ill-usage at the hands of the Slave populations, I must ask leave to begin on quite a new square of the board, or I shall never get here at all. A day spent in Czech, (pronounced, let me say, "Check,") politics was rather trying, and when the owner of this fine estate proposed to me to join O——ff on a visit next day, I was only too glad to accept an invitation which would enable me to take another glance at the field of Königgrätz, and would give me a glimpse of the real *vie de Bohéme*.

BATTLES OF THE PAST.

We started next morning by the 7 A. M. train, taking the line to Vienna as far as Kolin—the scene of one of the two great defeats which showed there was real stuff in old Fritz and his Brandenbergers, and that two knock-down blows did not suffice to take the wind out of them. But how curiously geographical facts influence campaigning. The line of the Elbe was as important then, when such a thing as a good road was scarcely known except on some Roman *via*, as it is with railways and steamers, and as it will be as long as men travel by land and water, and not by, or in, the air. Marshal Daun was very near putting an end to all the glories of Mr. Carlyle's hero, and that scarcely remembered Austrian General drove the Prussians clean out of Bohemia 115 years before the battle was fought not far away on the banks of the same river which erased the name of Austria from the list of German States, and led not indirectly to the war which placed the imperial crown on the head of Fritz's descendant. It was from the Silesia, won by force and fraud from the German Empire, that a German army marched under a Prussian Prince of the Crown to give the death-blow to the pretensions of Austria to lead Deutschland. But more than 300 years before Kolin was fought there was another battle, the influence of which over and upon Europe cannot be exaggerated; indeed, if hypothetical history were of any use, we might offer prizes all round for dissertations on what might have occurred if the great fight in which the Hussites were utterly defeated between Bohmische-brod and Podiebrad, not far away, had gone the other way. The victory which rendered the Catholics dominant placed dissent and free-will at the foot of the Church of Rome, and Bohemia is now the most Catholic country in Christendom.

COUNTRY VIEWS.

At Kolin we left the main line and took the travel northward through Bohemia, crossing the Elbe by a fine bridge and traversing a flat and uninteresting, but well-cultivated district toward the blue, cloud-like ridges of the "Riesengeburge," which mark the German frontiers. In the expanse of fields without hedges, ditches, or rows of trees to break the undulating roll of the corn, wheat, and barley, now nearly ready for the sickle or mowing-machine, there is a constant prospect of tall chimneys rising from a these of whitewashed factories, which are devoted to the making of beet-root sugar, and the great extent of land under that crop shows that in spite of imports and uncertain results the cultivation and manufacture must in the main be profitable. Detached farm-houses, such as one sees in England, old or new, are not to be found in Bohemia. The peasants congregate in large villages, which may be made out every mile or so, with an environ of trees and orchard, out of which peers a whitewashed church-tower. The houses are of wood and brick or earth, covered with heavy thatch, and are built with one end to the street, from which a path with a gateway leads to the doorway and front of the house and the garden or orchard, the out-houses, and the demesne sacred to geese, poultry, the pig, goats, and team of oxen, which are fenced off from the neighboring lot by a low wall or wooden railing. There is this inconvenience attached to this system that it entails long walks and loss of time on those who have to work at the outlying fields, but this is diminished by the gang system. The laborers work together on the various fields, in order, and the whole population of a large village may be seen in one long row, men, women, and children, mowing, reaping, or digging together.

THE FAIR SEX.

It must be confessed that it is not easy to distinguish the men from the women. The men wear loose, baggy breeches, like petticoats, and the women wear boots and petticoats like breeches, so that "a sudden look they would beguile," only that they do not in general wear beards and have handkerchiefs on their heads instead of felt hats, with bunches of feathers and flowers in their hands, which are affected by the sex masculine. However, if the stranger sees creatures in the field toiling with unusual energy carrying larger loads than the rest, he may safely conclude they are women, for whatever else they may have learned of freedom, these nations have not as yet been taught to regard the *beau sexe* as the weaker vessels, and put on their shoulders the physical burdens of life. They are hewers of wood and carriers of water, and how they take care of their children is beyond passing ken. They are very much as women were held to be in the old, old world, where they were classed almost with the beasts that perish—the ox and the ass and the anything "that is his" of the man and master. Whether they are not perfectly happy, and I, having the fear of the strong-minded and strong-armed of the new Amazon invasion upon me, would rather not inquire, lest the result of my investigations should get me into trouble. But they look pretty cheerful all round, though not at all pretty, and bear their lot with great breadth of back and firmness of port. They are at work reaping, mowing, and digging. They are in bands gathering the poppies which, *not* "unprofitably gay," cover wide-spread acres, or are busy clearing out the rows of beet-root. The men and children divide their labors, but the men are also much occupied with pendulous long pipes, and take life easier.

THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

I must say that I doubt very much the strict discretion of giving to such a population the right of choosing legislators, whose votes may determine the fate of a great nation. There is a great cry from the national party to educate the people. Who will not join in it if he knows that the people are to exercise the suffrage? But would it not be as well to hold back that privilege or right till education has been extended to the electors? Here, if anywhere, is the place for woman suffrage. The women work harder than the men, and they are at least as intelligent and as instructed. No political condition is so unsound as that of servile universal suffrage. There are qualifications demanded for the exercise of the vote in Bohemia, but they are slight, and the Czechs complain that the Government throws all the power into the hands of the honest Germans. That is not to be wondered at. The great lords who have adhered to the Czech party can now virtually control the votes of their tenants. But what would happen if there were agrarian agitators abroad, and if the rural Internationals, who have shown some signs of life in England, were to get a footing in Bohemia? The danger is not remote. All over these wide plains are to be seen the chimneys of factories, and wherever there are factories there are men who read and sometimes men who think, and the thoughts of such men, fed by such writings as they favor most, bode no good for "the established order of things."

THE CASTLE OF HRADEK.

The Castle of Hradek is seen from a long way off, as it is situated on one of the hillocks or *elbaume* which begin to crop out of the level plains as the Valley of the Elbe is approached, and the quadrangular tower, with its flag staff, rises far above the tree tops of the deer park which surrounds it. A nearer view brings the lines of the battlemented walls in evidence, and the openings on the wood give here and there glimpses of the walls and windows, which are brightly colored. The Count whipped his horses along the road at a canter, and the sun made us glad of the shelter of the trees on the roadside. In an hour and a half, turning to the right into a by-path to avoid the street of Nechanitz, we were in the deer park, which received us in deep shade, and the wheels crushed over the cones of the fir trees. A small, dull branch of the sluggish Birtrits, the stream which runs by Sadowa, bordered one side of the road. On the right spread out the aisle-like vistas of the tall trees. Presently we saw a wooden cross in the midst of a mound covered with weeds and wild flowers. "That is the grave of a Saxon soldier," said the Count. "He was killed just as the Saxons were retiring—the first man who fell here." For nearly half an hour we drove through the wood, and at last the Count pulled up. "Let us get down and walk quietly to the feeding place. There are usually some of the deer about here." And so we proceeded in a gingerly way over the leaves toward a hunteman's shed with feeding troughs for the animals in Winter time, and an inclosure of stout palings. As we approached a stag rose from the fern, and stood looking at the strangers; then, with a stamp of his forelegs, which woke up a whole herd of stags, he bounded away and glided like a shadow through the trees, followed by his fellows. The season is not yet advanced enough for the stag's horns to have attained their full size, but I made out some noble antlers. The paling I have spoken of is a deer trap something like the decoys for elephants which are made in Hindostan, and when the deer go in to feed a bar is dropped and the gate closed, and the fat ones are picked out for sale, or for the castle larder. There was one stag in it when we came up, but he seemed a very willing captive, and the Count explained that he had been a pet of the children, but became mischievous and even dangerous as he grew old, and attacked women and young people; so to correct the evil of his ways, he was *put in cavcare duro*. We left him making desperate efforts to get out and follow us. In ten minutes more the carriage was rolling over a fine gravel walk, through the pleasure-ground, and passing through an ingenious gate, which can be opened and closed without descending from the vehicle, we skirted the castle walls by driving under a gate-way, pulled up at the portal, where jägers, butlers, and valets were assembled at the clang of the porter's bell to receive their master and his guests.

WITHIN THE CASTLE.

I know of nothing more dull than the description of a great house except the actual inspection of it when one is tired, but the Count was fully aware of the weaknesses of human nature. He led us to our rooms through a long corridor lined with stags heads, ancient armor, and arms, and left us to repose while breakfast was getting ready. These rooms were quite charming—the walls covered with portraits, and every comfort and convenience inside. The castle, however, turned out to be a new shell or case provided for many curious and antique properties at an enormous outlay, for the place is of vast extent, and is built with every new improvement. It took us three hours of continuous walking afterward to visit all the rooms and out-offices, without any pretense of a minute examination of the pictures, armories, old furniture, clocks, cabinets, tapestry, and the like with which it is filled, and I am glad to say we did not begin our work till we had had our breakfast in a dining-room crammed with old plate, *retrousse* work, brass, silver bowls, dishes, goblets, chalices, ancient Bohemian glasses and beakers, which were well set off by the paneled walls of the apartment.

CASTLE REMINISCENCES.

While we were at breakfast the Count told us some things about the château which were of present interest. For instance, we were then and there taking our meal off the table which was used by the Prussian doctors for their amputations. The day and eve after the battle of Königgrätz the victors occupied Hradek, and set to work to plunder the place, but the Count had carried off or hidden all the plate, pictures, and valuables and the best wine. "Give us then the bad wine," shouted a thirsty captain to the old butler or *custos*, who remained at this post, "as your master has carried off all the good!" They broke open every cupboard and chest or armory which was locked, but those which were left open escaped injury. One great haul they made was in the wardrobe belonging to the theatre, which they gutted completely, attracted by the glare of tinsel and false stones. Thereafter came a solid and sad occupation of the castle for months as a great hospital. Every room was filled with wounded, and hundreds died within the walls. Prussians and Austrians were carried there from the field, and the places of those who were carried out were soon filled. It would weary you if I were to ask you to accompany me through these corridors, the walls of which are lined with pictures and trophies of the chase, and through the suites of rooms, each with its object of special interest.

THE TENANT'S LIFE.

The only inhabitants of the castles beyond the servants were the daughters of the Count and the governesses. "All the rooms," said he, "are full of 'revenants'—of ghosts; the floors and furniture of nearly all are stained with blood, which can not be got rid of," and indeed the dark patches were visible on silk, satin, damask, and polished oak. It was scarcely pleasant to hear at night that one's bedroom was the only one occupied in one vast wing; that there were no bells; that all was in darkness at 10 o'clock, and that the ghosts began to be frisky about midnight, so that even if there were bells the servants would not answer them. However, we might say to the ghost of a soldier, "*Contempsi Catalina gladios, non pertimescam tuos.*" The bachelors, the young ladies, the married people have all their quarters, and when a hunting party is assembled in the season it must be a jolly place, spite of the ghosts. For twenty-three days the sportsmen can continue their sport in different beats, but from the figures in the Game Register I should think that a man accustomed to an English or Scotch shooting lodge would not be much satisfied with each day's work.

THE FIELD OF KONIGGRATZ.

There is a splendid ball-room, a theatre, a library, billiard-room, stables for forty horses, a great coach-house, and a magnificent covered riding-school like a cathedral. To me the most interesting objects were the ancient colored glasses with coats-of-arms in the windows, which marked the alliances of the House of Hararch with noble families for 600 years. We mounted the tower and looked down on the famous battle-field, all now silent as the grave. When first I beheld it there were nigh half a million of men there contending in a death-strife, and wood and dale were wreathed in smoke, and the heavens were shaken with the roar of artillery; villages were blazing far and near, and the sky was filled with bursting shells. The town of Königgrätz was hidden by the wood, but there was Chlum before us and Lipa, the mill of Sadowa, the woods of Dub and Nechenitz and Problos, the valley of the Birbitz, the wooded hillocks and villages of Mavlosed and Benstek and Horononce—there just as they seemed in the gray dawn of July 3, 1866. The monument of Lipa and Sadowa seems to be the only new thing created by the fight, but "every turf beneath our feet is now a soldier's sepulchre." I could make out the little mill by the roadside where, streaming with blood from an accident in the wild confusion of the retreat of Clam Gallas and the Saxons from Gitchin, I lay down to rest for an hour two days before the battle, and was shaken up by the cry, "The Prussians are coming!" and had to struggle in the crowd of fugitives for the shelter of the guns of Königgrätz. To me the scene was full of interest, but the sun was frightful, and my companions were bored after a time, and so they descended, and I took a last glance of the field and joined them.

THE NATIONAL SPIRIT.

It is a strong illustration of the existence of national spirit that the Bohemians were offended by the proclamation of the Emperor of Austria at the outbreak of the war, in which he said that a German power had made war against Germans. The Bohemians said they were not German. "Had he called on us as Austrians even we should have obeyed." I was told by one man at Prague that the Bohemians offered to turn out as a land-sturm, if the Government would give them arms, and that their offer was refused, as they were afraid of arming them. Rieger's speech, at Prague, the other day, which goes through the land wherever Czech is spoken, shows that either the Bohemians or the Austrians are terribly in the wrong in the way this question is now being treated. The Germans are quite convinced that the Czechs exaggerate their numbers and their importance, and on that point agree with the Hungarians, who have got all they can well get out of the Austrian Empire and in their own kingdom. It remains to be seen if the Czechs will persist in the stupid policy of refusing to appear by their Deputies in the Reichsrath, and in event of their appearing whether they will maintain in debate the theses that they advocate so stoutly in Bohemia.

W. H. R.

UPSET IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

RUNAWAY OF A SIX-HORSE STAGE—TWO PASSENGERS KILLED, TWO FATALLY INJURED, AND OTHERS SERIOUSLY.

BETHLEHEM, N. H., Aug. 11.—Six horses attached to the morning stage between the Crawford and Profile Houses ran away to-day, upsetting the coach on Whitcomb's Hill in this town.

G. R. Donell Kierl, of Baltimore, was instantly killed, and A. S. Butler, a banker from Allegan, Mich., was fatally injured, and has since died.

The following were also injured:

Mr. and Miss Reeves, of Phœnixville, Penn., probably fatally.

Chauncey G. Harrington, Worcester, Mass., seriously.

Austin G. Fox and Miss Fox, No. 45 West Thirty-third-street, New-York, seriously.

G. S. Fox, slightly.

Miss Emma Kennedy, of Indianapolis, slightly.

Mrs. Culbert, son and daughter, Ironton, Ohio, slightly.

Mrs. La Croix, Ironton, Ohio, arm broken and slightly injured on the head.

Two or three others were slightly injured. It is believed that all of the injured persons, with the exception possibly of Mr. and Miss Reeves, will recover.

The accident was caused by the breaking of the pole-strap.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A fire yesterday morning at Lake City, Fla., destroyed property to the value of $20,000.

The laundry of Delano & Huff, Port Jervis, N. Y., was burned yesterday. Loss, $3,000; insurance $2,300, in the Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

A fire in Watertown, Mass., Sunday morning, destroyed Warren Ladd's barn, with three horses, a bull, and forty-five tons of hay. The loss is $4,000.

D. M. Potter's dwelling-house, at Elora, Ontario; Mundello's cabinet factory and dwelling and the store-house of the Elora Agricultural Machine Company, were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Loss about $15,000.

The extensive cardage factory of Sewall, Day & Co., in Roxbury, Mass., caught fire yesterday. The flames were confined to the building No. 2. The loss is $40,000; insurance $30,000, in Boston offices. Owing to a brick partition the building No. 1 was saved. The fire originated in the cellar among some black hemp.

Three barns filled with hay, belonging to Frederick Spafford, were burned on Sunday, at Bangor, Me.

Yesterday morning a fire broke out in a large two-story building on the corner of Washington-avenue and Sixth-street, in St. Louis, and formerly known as the State tobacco warehouse, recently occupied as small stores. The total loss is estimated at from $20,000 to $30,000.

A fire in the lumber-yard of W. J. Judd, in Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, destroyed about 2,000,000 feet of lumber. Several frame buildings near were destroyed. The total loss is from $60,000 to $75,000. The lumber is insured for about $20,000.

POISONED BY HER SON-IN-LAW.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 11.—A horrible case of murder by poisoning occurred near Owosso, Mich., yesterday, the victim being a Mrs. Wartemberg. Her son-in-law, Charles Moore, was arrested and has confessed to having given her arsenic. A desire to possess her property was the probable motive for the murder.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 11.—On Sunday last at Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Sidney Major shot and killed in his garden a hawk which had been preying upon his chickens. Oscar Mills, who lived next door, was walking in his garden at the time, and three buck shots passed the hawk and struck him in the heart, killing him instantly. Mills was an Assistant Engineer in the United States Navy, and was awaiting orders at the time of his death.

WASHINGTON.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE.

PROPOSITION FOR A POSTAL TREATY WITH FRANCE—ACTION OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL—THE PROPOSED CONVENTION AT BERNE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The latest proposition of the French Minister, relative to an international postal treaty with France, involves the possibility that letters from this country may be required to pay thirty-two cents before reaching their destination in France. The French proposition is nine cents for single letter postage on the basis of one-third of an ounce in weight, with a penalty of five cents for insufficient prepayment. By the French law, however, which would not be abrogated, the postage paid on letters which are even a fraction overweight is disregarded, and double postage charged additional. As letters from this country almost invariably exceed ten grammes in weight, letters from the United States prepaid with nine cents would, ordinarily, under the plan proposed, be charged three postages at nine cents, and the penalty of five cents additional for insufficient payment, making thirty-two cents per letter, the Postmaster General will not give this proposition favorable consideration. Mr. Creswell has offered the French Government the same facilities for closed mails as are offered the United States by that Government, notwithstanding the great disproportion in the length of railroad lines in the two countries.

THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CONVENTION.

It is expected that the International Postal Convention at Berne will be temporarily postponed. It is understood that the English Government does not heartily enter into the plan. The Postmaster General has designated Hon. Joseph Blackfan, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, to represent the United States at that convention. Our representative will be instructed to labor for the utmost simplicity and uniformity in any proposed international system, with the condition that postage shall be prepaid, mails be sent according to the regulations of the dispatching country, and that no accounts be kept.

THE OLD DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BONDS.

With reference to the publications telegraphed from here concerning the alleged non-payment at maturity of the bonds of the old district government, which became due Aug. 1, Mr. Moses Kelley, cashier of the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, and Treasurer of the Sinking Fund, who pays the bonds, makes the following positive statement: The bonds referred to, amounting to about $530,000, including interest, are being paid of as rapidly as can be done with safety. The certificates are all of one denomination—$50, and each has to be carefully examined and registered before payment can be made. One clerk is exclusively employed on this duty, and any one of ordinary intelligence can readily see that it requires time to receive and properly dispose of 10,000 or more of these bonds. Up to this time, however, about 300—$40,000 in amount—have been retired, and others are being paid as fast as practicable. Those offering them are served in regular order, no preference having been given to banks or large holders over others. No payments have been made in eight per cent. certificates, for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have none at their disposal to offer.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

POSTAGE ON CURRENCY FOR REDEMPTION.

The Postmaster General has decided that the postage upon letters from postmasters to the Treasurer of the United States, containing United States currency for redemption, must be prepaid by the sender with the full legal rate of postage, the same as ordinary letters. Postmasters should not use their official stamps in payment of such postage. It is, however, their duty to register such packages free of charge if the mailing party request it.

STAMPING POSTAL CARDS.

The attention of the Post-office Department having been called to the practice of stamping postal cards upon the back with the carrier's stamp, which tends to deface the cards and in some instances to render illegible important communications, the Postmaster General has ordered that the practice be discontinued, and that hereafter such cards be stamped on the face only.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The United States steamer Powhatan left Norfolk on the 7th inst. for Halifax. She will return to New-York about the 1st of September.

The Monongahela, fitting out at Portsmouth, New-Hampshire, is now ready for her officers, and they will be ordered to her in a few days. The vessel will be ready for sea about the 25th inst., and will be sent out to reinforce our naval forces on the Spanish coast.

Mr. Geo. Wilmuth, the oldest boatswain in the navy, died at Brampton, Canada, on the 5th inst.

The Navy Department has received information of the arrival of the Narragansett at San Diego, Cal., on the 10th inst. After receiving coal and provisions she proceeded on the surveying service, to which she has been assigned in the Pacific.

Capt. H. C. Blake, Lieut. Commander G. C. Wiltze, and Surgeon G. R. Brush have been detached from the Naval rendezvous at New-York and placed on waiting orders.

Assistant Surgeon F. K. Hartsell has been detached from the Naval hospital at Washington, and his resignation has been accepted, to take effect on the 31st of October next.

UTAH.

THE GRAND JURY QUESTION—MRS. BRIGHAM YOUNG NO. 17.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 11.—On Saturday last Mr. Snow, Territorial Attorney General, moved before Judge Emerson for an order on the Court for a Grand Jury for the September term. Judge Emerson asked United States Attorney Cury if he wished to have a Grand Jury, and the latter replied that as a Territorial court had already intimated that no jury could be legally impaneled under the existing laws, he did not wish to go through the farce of a criminal examination or trial to have it set aside immediately thereafter. The Court then held that as the Territorial Legislature had taken the subject from the Court, and given it to the Clerk, he had nothing to do with it.

The argument on the question of the jurisdiction of the Court in the Webb-Young divorce case has closed. The Court reserved its decision.

Gen. Ord is here on an inspecting tour. He proceeds to Beaver.

PHILADELPHIA POLITICS.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Aug. 11.—At a meeting of the Seventh Ward Republican Executive Committee, held to-night, Mr. Wm. J. Orens, who was recently thrown from the Republican ticket as a candidate for the Legislature from the Fourth District, was indorsed by a resolution of the committee who, in strong language, repudiated the action of the City Executive Committee.

THREATENED ANARCHY IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

PARSONS, Kansas, Aug. 11.—A dispatch received from the Indian country to-day says the Downing-Ross party have beaten the Reformers, but Bell has obtained letters written by Ross and Jones to Washington, showing treachery to the principles of the party. The full-bloods are said to be indignant and aroused, and that Ross and Jones must go to the brush to save their lives. It is also asserted that death sentence has been passed by certain Indians upon Col. Boudinet, James Bell, and others of the progressive and reform party. There is no question but anarchy and crime are largely on the increase, and many of the best men in that locality begin to believe their only safety lies in a strong central Territorial government, under the protection of the United States.

EXCITEMENT IN THE OIL REGIONS.

NEW WELLS OF IMMENSE YIELD STRUCK—CRUDE OIL LIKELY TO FALL TO ONE DOLLAR A BARREL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Aug. 11.—The recent strikes of big wells in the oil regions have caused the utmost consternation among the oil brokers and dealers in crude petroleum in this city to-day. The Parker's Landing crude oil market, which governs that of Pittsburg, opened this morning with sales at $1 47. This did not last long and prices began to tumble. Advices received from Parker's this morning stated that the new Thompson well, recently struck, was drilled further into the sand last night, when it commenced spouting, and is now reported doing 1,500 barrels. Last night another well was struck, and in five hours the yield was 200 barrels. The Satterfield well, which was struck last Saturday, did 1,300 barrels, tank measure, in twenty-four hours. When the fact of these big strikes became noised about among the oil speculators prices fluctuated all day. Private telegrams received this evening announced that oil had been offered at $1 10 per barrel, and no buyers. In all probability oil will go down to $1 per barrel.

From figures compiled from the *Commercial* of this city I give you the quotations of crude and refined oil for the years 1869 to 1873, inclusive, for Aug. 11. In 1869 crude oil sold at 14⅞ cents; refined, 31¼ cents. In 1870, crude, 9¼ cents; refined, 23½ cents. In 1871, crude, 12 cents; refined, 24 cents. In 1872, crude, 9¼ cents; refined, 19 cents. In 1873, crude, 4 cents, and refined 13 cents. Now that the producers have got so much oil it is like a white elephant on their shoulders, as they have nowhere to put it. In the oil country money is much more easy to get than tankage, and many owners of wells will be compelled to let the oil into Oil Creek, for want of a place to put it in.

Many speculators predict that oil will reach $1 to-morrow, and possibly eighty to ninety cents before the week closes.

THE POUGHKEEPSIE TRAGEDY.

CONCLUSION OF THE INQUEST—THE MURDERED WIFE'S CRUELTY TO HER HUSBAND.

From Our Own Correspondent.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Monday, Aug. 11, 1873.

This morning, at 10 o'clock, Coroner Wilson Hicks commenced his investigation of the terrible tragedy which occurred in the building No. 469 Main-street, on Saturday, and which resulted in the death of John Wens and his wife Johanna. Many supposed that the inquest would be held at the Court-house, as announced, but Mr. Hicks held it at his office, No. 412 Main-street, consequently there were not very many present.

The first witness sworn was Eliza Brewer. This was the visitor whose name could not be ascertained on Saturday. She testified as follows:

I reside at No. 388 Mill-street. I went up to the building, No. 469 Main-street, on Saturday, at Mrs. Wens's, to bring water—about ten minutes of two. Mrs. Wens called me up-stairs and went up-stairs and sat down by the window to look at a funeral that was passing. Mr. Wens was on a lounge in the same room asleep. She woke him up and told him a boy was there to sell iron. He said: "Let the boy come up here;" she said "no," and then said to Mrs. Boyce, who was in the room, "Never mind, let's see how much money he has got; you help me." He jumped up and began to scuffle with Mrs Wens; they were both laughing; then he ran over to the closet and said "Let me get my pistol;" Mrs. Wens put her fingers in my pail of water and slapped the water in his face; I took my pail and said to Mrs. Wenx, "Come," and we went down stairs; I hung my pail on the pump in the yard and said, "Mrs. Wenx, I'd have a policeman to take that pistol away, for he looks ugly;" Mr. Wenx was still up-stairs; Mrs. Wens replied, "No, he wouldn't hurt anybody;" then I said, "Nobody could flourish a pistol around me that way." Mrs. Wens went in the kitchen and sat down, and brought me an arm-chair to sit on, but I had to go; she took another chair and set it in front of the stove; then I left and went up in the shoe-store to see a funeral that was passing; we were all looking out of the window and heard the report of a pistol in the back basement; heard three shots close together; then I heard a groan. Mr. McCaffrey was called and he looked over the banister. I heard Wenx in the cellar scolding, and then the pistol went off again, which made four shots. Could not understand what he said. We did not imagine he had shot her. I don't think Wenx was intoxicated.

John McCaffrey, the saloon-keeper, Mrs. Ann Kelly, and Jane Boyce also testified, their evidence being simply corroborative. Phillip Wenx, the little boy, told the same story he did on Saturday, to the effect that his father was often intoxicated and his mother very cross in her manner.

As an additional proof that Mrs. Wenx was cruel to her husband and children I may state although she had plenty of money, not enough clothing could be found in the house to put on the bodies to make them look decently, and some had to be purchased immediately. The children were also almost entirely without clothing. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

THE PORTLAND FIRE.

ANOTHER VICTIM—NEW ARRANGEMENTS BY THE STEAM-BOAT OWNERS.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 11.—A watchman on the steamer Dirigo named Hobbs, a resident of Cape Elizabeth, is missing, and is supposed to have been burned to death while sleeping between decks.

The Steam Packet Company will build a temporary shed on the Atlantic Wharf.

The Maine Steam-ship Company will go to Brown's Wharf temporarily. The Franconia will leave for New-York on Thursday, and the Chesapeake Monday. The company will contract at once for a new steamer.

The Carlotta was towed up to-day. The engineers say her hull, engine, and boilers are not materially damaged, and that $30,000 will rebuild her.

It is thought 10,000 bushels of corn may be saved from the elevator.

The body of Percy O'Neil, a fireman on the Dirigo, who belonged in Brooklyn, has been recovered. He was not known to have been drowned until his body was found.

The body of Wm. Mattison, the stevedore, has been recovered.

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 11.—It is reported that the owners of Sanford's independent line of steamers lose several thousand dollars by the burning of the steamers in Portland harbor.

THE CHOLERA.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 11.—One fatal case of cholera occurred here to-day. The victim died after eight hours' illness, and was buried after 9 o'clock to-night.

MURDER IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 11.—Last night, while Michael Tadazowits was walking quietly down Main-street, he was seized by a man, and held while another beat him on the ribs and sides with large stones, one of which he held in each hand. When Tadazowits finally released himself from the grasp of his assailants, he fell to the ground, blood streaming from nose, mouth, and ears. He died in two hours. Michael Dooley and Michael Flinney have been arrested charged with the murder. They are men of bad repute, and had been engaged in several disturbances during the day.

MISSING STEAMERS.

THE ALABAMA AND THE ARNDT SPOKEN—THE LATTER LOSES HER PROPELLER.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The State line steamship Alabama, from Glasgow, for New-York, was spoken on Tuesday last, a considerable distance west of the locality where the wrecked matter, supposed to have been from that vessel, was discovered.

STETTIN, Aug. 11.—The ship Oscar II. has arrived here bringing intelligence of the safety of the steam-ship Ernst Moritz Arndt. The missing steam-ship was spoken by the Oscar II. on the 23d of July, and was proceeding under sail. All was well and she required no assistance.

AUSTRIA.

STRANGERS LEAVING VIENNA—VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION DECREASING.

VIENNA, Aug. 11.—Many strangers are leaving Vienna, and the number of visitors to the Exposition decreases daily.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The office of Master of the Rolls has been offered to Sir John Duke Coleridge, but he refuses to accept it.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

James Scunnell was drowned on Sunday at Quincy, Mass., while bathing.

The internal revenue receipts at Washington, yesterday, were $543,561.

Dr. Wm. H. Pegg, of Atlanta, Ga., fell dead on Sunday in the street, of apoplexy.

Edmund Burns, two years old, was drowned in a small brook, in Worcester, Mass., yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of State Davis has left Washington to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law.

Secretary Belknap will return to Washington, from Orange, N. J., to-day. He was at the Astor House yesterday.

The Toronto, Ont., Post-office was entered by robbers on Sunday, and ninety-one registered letters stolen from the safe.

The Washington and Southwark Bay Clubs, from Philadelphia, arrived at Fortress Monroe last evening.

A girl nine years of age, named Sullivan, died suddenly, in Worcester, Mass., last evening, after taking a dose of vermifuge.

Patrick Carney, a brakeman on the Boston and Albany Railroad, injured yesterday, died at the Worcester City Hospital last night.

At Sharon, Mass., on Saturday, Daniel Keith, a native of Pennsylvania, about thirty-six years old, was drowned while bathing.

George W. Drew, aged nineteen years, residing at No. 1,927 Nagle-street, Philadelphia, committed suicide, yesterday, by taking poison.

Lord Dufferin, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, left St. John, N. B., yesterday morning, for Portland, en route to Ottawa.

The first bale of the Florida cotton crop and the second bale of the Georgia crop were received at Savannah, Ga., on Sunday last.

Wm. J. Williams, aged thirty-five years, was instantly killed at Philadelphia, yesterday, while working in the Slatington, Penn., stone quarry.

Edward Watson, of the well-known Philadelphia firm of Watson & Brother, died on Sunday evening of brain fever. He was highly esteemed.

A grand encampment of the Knights of the Masonic order of Western New-York will commence in Auburn to-day and continue three days.

The Odd-fellows of Portsmouth, N. H., yesterday presented a costly and elegant jewel and collar to Grand Representative James F. Hartshorne.

A telegram to the Post-office Department yesterday from Springfield, Mass., states that the number of postal cards furnished to the public to this date is 44,118,000.

John Curtin shot and fatally wounded one Johnson in Main-street, San Francisco, yesterday. The alleged seduction of Curtin's daughter was the cause of the shooting.

Amos Greene, of Chester, N. H., who was insane, aged sixty years, committed suicide by hanging himself on Friday. He had recently been confined at the Asylum at Concord.

William Nash, the murderer of Martin Gersbach, of Contra Costa County, California, was captured yesterday at Battle Mountain. He offered no resistance.

Wm. M. Richardson, President of the Union Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, and long connected with that institution, died last evening in Cincinnati from paralysis.

Vice-President Wilson was in Boston yesterday. His improved appearance indicates a steady progress toward restored health, which has been brought about by cessation from all active labor.

The promotion of Sevillon A. Brown to the chief clerkship of the Department of State has been followed by the promotion of John H. Haswell as senior index clerk, and Warren C. Stone in place of Haswell.

The Spiritualists' camp-meeting commenced on Sunday at Silver Lake Grove, at Plympton, Mass. It is estimated that there were from eight to ten thousand persons present. Addresses were made by Jennie Lees and Prof. Denton.

The Caledonian Club, of Philadelphia, accompanied by a detachment of the New-York Highlanders, made a street parade yesterday in Philadelphia, and marched to Oakdale Park to participate in Scottish games and contest for prizes.

George Carson, the Custom-house officer in Baltimore, who on Sunday night shot and killed a man named Graur, a fireman of the German steamship Baltimore, was yesterday committed for the action of the Grand Jury.

Henry A. Plaeger shot and instantly killed George Smith at San Pablo, Contra Costa County, Cal., yesterday. An excited crowd took Plaeger and were about to hang him when a constable arrived and rescued him. Plaeger says the pistol went off accidentally.

The recently-elected General Assembly of Kentucky will be composed as follows: Senate—Thirty-two Democrats and six Republicans. House of Representatives—Eighty-one Democrats and nineteen Republicans. The Republicans gain two in the Senate, and the Democrats one in the House.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business yesterday were as follows: Currency, $10,327,831; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $34,670,000; coin, $81,641,519; including coin certificates, $44,026,800; outstanding legal tenders, $356,000,000.

The directors of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company, in Maine, have voted to recommend to the several cities and towns which have voted aid to the said road, to choose a committee to meet in Rockland on the 18th inst. to consider the question of granting aid to the Penobscot Bay and River Railroad.

THE HIP YEE ZONG.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—The trial of the Chinese, members of the Hip Yee Zong Society, charged with conspiracy against Yet Sang, was resumed before a jury to-day. Several witnesses corroborated Yet Sang's statement about the society, its character, objects, and manner in which he was treated by the accused. The trial is not yet concluded.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—About 10 o'clock last night, a train on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad ran over a colored man, on the corner of Virginia-avenue and Four and a Half-street, cutting the body completely in two.

THE WAWASSET DISASTER.

FURTHER DETAILS.

AN INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT—SIXTY-SEVEN BODIES ALREADY RECOVERED—STATEMENTS OF SURVIVORS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The Supervising Inspector of Steam-boats of this district has arrived here, and will, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, commence on Wednesday a full investigation into the recent steam-boat disaster on the Potomac.

A thorough count of the number of dead bodies already recovered puts the list at sixty-seven. The names of nearly, if not quite, all who have been identified have been published.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

The Washington *Star's* special correspondent at Chatterton's Landing, Va., the scene of the Wawasset disaster, gives an account of his trip from here to that point, and relates interesting incidents of the sad occurrence. His report states that hosts of men living on the line of the river say the screams of the women and children could be heard for miles; that all the boats available were at once brought into service, and every effort made to extend relief. On the way up to Chatterton, several bodies of colored men and women were passed, which had been dragged ashore the night before. The wreck of the ill-fated steamer lies about 250 yards below the landing, and probably 150 from the shore. The boiler, smoke-stack, and all the metallic portion seem to rest firmly on the bottom, and nearly all the machinery is exposed to view at low water. Not a particle of combustible material remains of her, and the iron-work is burned to a whitish tint. The shaft seems to have either bent or broken in the middle, showing the iron-work of the wheels. On arriving at Chatterton only two row-boats could be found, one of which was secured, and our party proceeded to the wreck. The tide being high the carpenter thought it imprudent to attempt to board her, fearing some iron snag might damage the bottom of the boat, and we made a circuit around her, stopping all a safe distance. At this time two bodies were seen floating at some distance north-east, and the crew of the other boat seem to have got the start toward them, and our boat returned to the shore, where Mr. Lantrocup, the art

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The following is the quarterly report of the Tax Commissioners to the Mayor. It gives, in a detailed form, the valuations of the real and personal estate for the current year, as compared with those of last year, together with considerable information of interest to every tax-payer in the City:

To Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

SIR: The quarterly report of this department embraces necessarily a summary of the transactions for the official year.

The valuations of the real and personal estate for the year 1873, as compared with those of 1872, are as follows:

Wards.	Assessments for 1872.	Assessments for 1873.	Increase.	Decrease.
I	$51,215,500	$50,508,500	....	$707,000
II	28,091,500	27,754,000	....	337,500
III	31,637,000	31,354,500	....	282,500
IV	12,571,975	12,506,075	....	65,900
V	38,670,500	38,425,000	....	245,500
VI	21,209,950	21,343,650	$138,700	....
VII	15,588,900	15,853,300	264,400	....
VIII	32,984,900	33,774,400	1,489,500	....
IX	23,571,100	25,127,900	1,556,800	....
X	15,226,300	16,320,500	1,094,200	....
XI	14,338,000	14,614,300	276,300	....
XII	54,568,885	62,457,680	7,888,795	....
XIII	8,529,800	9,302,300	772,500	....
XIV	21,425,790	21,989,690	563,900	....
XV	50,350,350	50,916,750	566,400	....
XVI	29,579,250	29,730,550	151,300	....
XVII	30,037,500	30,552,400	514,900	....
XVIII	92,543,900	94,467,900	1,924,000	....
XIX	91,983,545	110,519,305	19,035,760	....
XX	33,945,150	34,830,000	1,584,850	....
XXI	70,996,050	71,235,950	239,900	....
XXII	70,185,820	63,104,530	2,918,710	....
Total	$797,148,665	$836,693,380	$41,183,115	$1,638,400

	Personal Estate 1872.	Personal Estate 1873.
Resident	$195,032,157	$184,965,583
Non-resident	35,189,520	29,831,665
Shareholders of Banks	76,737,745	77,800,395
Total	$306,949,422	$292,597,643

Total real and personal valuation for 1873.$1,129,291,023
Total real and personal valuation for 1872..1,104,098,087
Increase in 1873.....25,192,936
Total increase.....42,225,765
Total decrease.....17,062,829
Net increase.....25,192,936

The falling off in the value of personal property is referable to several causes, among which may be enumerated a more exact knowledge on the part of tax-payers of the descriptions of property not liable to assessment by law; an apprehension that the rate of taxation would be something like three and one-half per cent., which induced many to change the form of their investments to securities exempt from taxation, and others to remove from the City; a thorough weeding from the rolls of the names of such as did not respond to their taxes and were found to have removed or become worthless, and the obliteration of property occasioned by the disastrous fires in Boston.

The assessments upon railroads for this year have been made for the first time upon a construction of the law which makes no deduction for the indebtedness of these corporations—a construction which these companies protest against, and which they have taken measures to have judicially reviewed by the highest tribunal.

For the first time the capital employed by several of the Canadian banks, in business in the City, has been subject to assessment; and they, too, have appealed to the courts to determine their liability under the act of 1855.

The following table exhibits the assessments on personal property in the City of New-York for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873:

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Resident	$198,156,791	$195,032,157	$184,965,583
Non-resident	29,025,037	35,189,520	29,831,665
Sh'eholders B'ks	76,765,395	76,737,745	77,650,395
Total	$306,947,395	$306,949,422	$292,447,643

NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS.

The following table exhibits the number of names assessed for personal property, the number of applications for relief, the number proving to be exempt, and the number passed into the receiver's books, for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873:

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Names on rolls at opening	26,441	29,291	29,513
Applications for reductions	15,723	14,269	16,767
Erased, not liable	7,903	9,916	13,307
Retained on receiver's books	18,538	19,382	16,206

The number of banks and of shareholders for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, respectively, was as follows:

	1871.	1871.	1873.
Number of banks	82	78	78
Number of shareholders	26,620	26,336	26,059

RECAPITULATION.

The following table exhibits the total valuation on real and personal estate for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873:

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Real estate	$769,306,410	$797,148,665	$836,693,380
Resident personal	198,156,791	195,032,157	184,965,583
Non-resid't personal	29,025,037	35,189,520	29,831,665
Shareholders' banks	76,765,395	76,737,745	77,650,395
Total	$1,076,253,633	$1,104,098,087	$1,129,141,022

ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS.

By the laws of this State, the personal property of every minister of the Gospel, or priest of any denomination, and the real estate of such minister or priest, when occupied by him, provided such real and personal estate do not exceed the value of $1,500, are exempt from taxation.

Every officer, musician, and private in the National Guard is also entitled to a deduction from the assessed valuation of his real and personal property to the amount of $1,000 during the time he shall perform military duty; and by an act passed April 1, 1871, every officer, musician, and private who enlisted at any time from April 17, 1854, to April 29, 1865, and was honorably discharged after seven years' service, was in like manner entitled to a deduction of $500.

This act of 1871 was repealed May 4, 1872.

To obtain the exemptions above enumerated, it is necessary that the beneficiaries shall make their application each year.

The following table exhibits the deductions made under the afore-mentioned law for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873:

	1871.	1872.	1873.
Military	$521,000	$565,500	$490,500
Clergy	73,500	66,000	76,500
Total	$594,500	$631,500	$567,000

ASSESSMENTS UPON REAL ESTATE.

The number of pieces or plots of real estate upon the assessment rolls for 1871, was 124,876; in 1872, 127,217, and in 1873, 123,209.

During the time the books were open, from the second Monday in January to the 30th day of April, to receive applications from parties considering themselves aggrieved by the assessments upon their property, there were received in 1871 2,315 applications, covering 5,473 pieces; during the same period in 1872 there were received 1,508 applications, covering 3,738 pieces, and for a like time in 1873 there were received 1,746 applications, covering 4,251 pieces.

The following tables exhibit the number of applications for correction of assessments on real estate in each ward for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, together with the disposition made of the same:

1871.

Ward.	Corrected.	Confirmed.	Total.
First	141	27	168
Second	65	22	87
Third	66	31	97
Fourth	61	28	89
Fifth	70	43	113
Sixth	37	15	52
Seventh	45	17	62
Eighth	54	33	87
Ninth	33	20	53
Tenth	46	21	67
Eleventh	23	27	50
Twelfth	69	39	108
Thirteenth	28	11	39
Fourteenth	57	31	88
Fifteenth	62	66	128
Sixteenth	34	34	68
Seventeenth	87	37	124
Eighteenth	55	72	127
Nineteenth	74	76	150
Twentieth	36	89	125
Twenty-first	108	110	218
Twenty-second	96	119	215
Total	1,347	968	2,315

1872.

Ward.	Corrected.	Confirmed.	Total.
First	37	21	58
Second	8	9	17
Third	8	25	33
Fourth	27	30	57
Fifth	52	22	74
Sixth	25	10	35
Seventh	37	23	60
Eighth	36	22	58
Ninth	13	24	37
Tenth	25	24	49
Eleventh	12	15	27
Twelfth	39	35	74
Thirteenth	22	19	41
Fourteenth	21	27	48
Fifteenth	36	56	92
Sixteenth	19	24	43
Seventeenth	38	55	93
Eighteenth	38	54	92
Nineteenth	50	66	116
Twentieth	48	54	102
Twenty-first	83	79	162
Twenty-second	87	73	140
Total	731	767	1,508

1873.

Ward.	Corrected.	Confirmed.	Total.
First	41	21	62
Second	40	11	51
Third	21	21	42
Fourth	30	26	56
Fifth	60	27	87
Sixth	21	24	45
Seventh	32	16	48
Eighth	22	43	64
Ninth	16	35	51
Tenth	28	33	61
Eleventh	18	13	35
Twelfth	97	66	163
Thirteenth	20	18	38
Fourteenth	38	21	59
Fifteenth	34	43	82
Sixteenth	39	21	60
Seventeenth	24	34	58
Eighteenth	50	35	85
Nineteenth	110	148	258
Twentieth	34	50	84
Twenty-first	74	40	114
Twenty-second	87	87	174
Total	911	835	1,746

TOTAL NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS.

Number of pieces of real estate.....123,209
Number of names on personal books.....29,513
Number of shareholders of banks.....26,059
Total number of assessments.....178,781

GENERAL REMARKS.

The allegation is sometimes made that this department capriciously varies its assessments in order that some specious purpose may be attained by ameliorating the nominal rate of taxation. The reiteration of any change against public officials, however unfounded the charge may be, is pretty sure, if not contradicted, to effect a lodgment in the public mind, and undermine confidence in official integrity and impartiality. The duties of the officers of this department are such as to make them especially subject to unjust imputations. To assess is to estimate, according to one's judgment, the value of the thing to be assessed. When the exercise of this judgment is made the basis for imposing a pecuniary exaction or penalty or tax upon the individual for the benefit of the public, it is not strange that the individual questions the accuracy of the judgment. The value of the thing to be judged of is, inherently, a problem most difficult of solution. A hasty answer to this statement would be that an actual sale furnishes an unerring standard by which an absolutely accurate judgment may be formed. But small experience in assessorial duties, however, is required to satisfy one, that even actual sales are by no means an infallible standard for estimating actual values. The terms and conditions of the sale, the state of the money market as to stringency or plethora, the necessities of the seller, the motives of the buyer, are, among others, important considerations which may render the actual sale unreliable as a standard, unless the assessor has a full knowledge of a state of facts which, in many cases interested parties have strong motives for sedulously concealing. The fallibility of acknowledged "experts" in valuing property frequently comes under the notice of the Commissioners. A single example will illustrate this position. In a legal proceeding the value of a piece of property on Broadway was required to be known. Five experts, disinterested, and of the highest possible character, were sworn as to its value, and their estimates varied from $225,000 to $400,000. In a few weeks afterward the property was sold at auction for $600,000, and in a few months subsequently resold for $480,000.

The assessments are made by deputies, "under the direction," as the law expresses it, of the Commissioners. It is a physical impossibility for the Commissioners to do more than exercise a general supervision. There are in all 178,781 assessments for the year 1873, and these are required by law to be made between the first Monday of September and the second Monday of January, a period of, say nineteen weeks. This would allow the board less than twenty seconds for each assessment, if they had no other duties, and devoted every moment of every business hour to a scrutiny of each assessment; a term manifestly too brief to render such a revision of the slightest value.

EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS.

The highest duty of the Commissioners is to exercise such a supervision as to insure equality in the valuation in the various wards or districts, so as to effect, as nearly as possible, an equitable distribution of the public burden. By a wise provision of the law, each owner of property is allowed to become, within certain limits, an assessor, and like the official deputy submit his assessment to the judgment of the board.

The owner is like the official, allowed a period of four months, to wit: from the second Monday in January until the last day of April, in which to make his assessment. Then the Commissioners proceed to compare the official assessment with the owner's assessment, and examine their judgment of each, as between the two. During the past quarter the owner's valuation was adjudged to prevail over the official valuation in 911 cases, as the table herewith proves. This department thus performs its duties in the full glare of public scrutiny, the highest possible guaranty, even in the absence of official integrity, that no gross wrong is likely to be attempted in the face of inevitable exposure. That individuals may, in rare instances, suffer wrong, when they fail to exercise their prerogative and scrutinize their assessments, is not denied; but in such cases they themselves are party to the wrong by reason of neglect. Again, the Commissioners, disavowing infallibility, may err in their decision upon the complaint, but that wrong is not remediless, as the aggrieved party has a right to have such decision reviewed by the highest courts of the State. While the property owner in New-York City has a term of nearly four months in which to scrutinize his assessments, the property owner in every other portion of the State is allowed but thirty days in which to exercise such right.

PROGRESSIVE INCREASE OF VALUATIONS.

For several years the real estate of this City has been dealt with very tenderly in the matter of increased assessments, as the following figures will demonstrate:

In 1865 the assessed value was	$427,404,384
In 1866 the assessed value was	478,904,934
In 1867 the assessed value was	555,442,062
In 1868 the assessed value was	623,235,305
In 1869 the assessed value was	684,188,805
In 1870 the assessed value was	742,103,075
In 1871 the assessed value was	760,306,410
In 1872 the assessed value was	797,125,115
In 1873 the assessed value was	836,693,380

In round numbers the increase in the valuation of real estate since 1865 has been as follows:

1866 increase over previous year	$51,500,000
1867 increase over previous year	76,500,000
1868 increase over previous year	68,000,000
1869 increase over previous year	61,000,000
1870 increase over previous year	58,000,000
1871 increase over previous year	27,000,000
1872 increase over previous year	36,800,000
1873 increase over previous year	39,500,000

Thus it will be seen that the aggregate increase in the valuation of real estate for the last four years, *i. e.*, from 1870 to 1873, was $152,500,000, or an average of $38,125,000 per year, while the aggregate increase for the preceding four years, *i. e.*, from 1866 to 1869, was $257,000,000, or an average of $64,250,000 per year, showing that the average increase for the last four years was $26,175,000 less per year than for the previous four years.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS.

The reports of the Superintendent of Buildings on file in this department embrace a period of two years and nine months, *i. e.*, from the 3d of April, 1870, to the 31st of December, 1872. From the report of 1871 and 1872 (p. 83) the estimated cost of new buildings proposed to be erected from April, 1870, to April, 1872, was $76,226,439, and of alterations in buildings for the same period was $8,116,615.

By the report of the Superintendent for 1873 (p. 31) it appears that the estimate cost of new buildings proposed to be erected from the 5th of April to the 31st of December, 1872, was $21,944,330, and the alterations during the same period were estimated at $2,788,379. This gives a total for the two years and nine months of $109,075,763. Now, add to the sum of $76,226,439, for the three months which the report does not furnish, an estimate covering the time from the 1st of January to the 3d of April, 1870, say $9,470,715, and it gives

A total estimated cost for improvements for three years of	$118,546,478
Increase in assessed valuation during same year	94,590 305
Cost of improvements exceed increased assessments in three last years	$23,956,173

The increase in the assessed value, it will be seen, is less than eighty per cent. of the cost of improvements.

It may be objected that the cost here given is of buildings "proposed to be" erected, some of which were probably not completed or even commenced. To this the answer is that actual cost so invariably and largely exceeds estimated cost as to more than compensate for the few failures to construct. It may be further objected that the buildings proposed to be erected late in 1872 could not have been completed so as to enter into the assessment for 1873. To this it is answered that a full equivalent is found in the buildings assessed for the first time in 1870, the estimated cost of which does not appear in the table at hand, and is not included in the above statement of estimated cost.

It is not, of course, claimed that the $118,000,000 worth of improvements should have been the measure of increased assessment, for property is not assessed in that proportion. These improvements have really been assessed at a small percentage of their cost, and the remainder of the increased valuations has been derived from the increased value of other property.

ASSESSMENTS IN THE UPPER WARDS.

Some comment has been caused by the increased valuations in the three upper, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twenty-second, Wards, as compared with the valuations of the other nineteen wards. Now, very few probably bear in mind that the three wards named include fifty-nine per cent., or three-fifths of the entire area of the City. Within three wards, in the space of a few years, many millions have been spent in splendid improvements, the expense of which has been or has to be borne by the tax-payers at large. The whole number of buildings completed in this City, according to the report of the Superintendent of Buildings, in 1870, 1871, and 1872, (estimating for the first quarter of 1870,) was 6,071; of these, 3,876 were in the three upper wards. The aggregate increase of valuations in the whole City for these three years was $118,546,478. Granting for a moment, as has been claimed, that the assessments should keep pace only with the new buildings, or in other words that the increase of buildings should be the sole basis for increase of valuations, and we have the following result:

As the new buildings in the whole City, 6,071, are to those 3,876 in the three upper wards, so should the total increased valuation, $118,546,478, be to the increased valuation in those wards, $60,390,740. The actual increase in valuation in these three wards is $62,745,475, or an excess of only $2,354,735. Ought anything more be needed to show how totally unfounded are the complaints of discrimination against these upper wards? The term of three years is chosen for comparison for reasons which will appear in referring hereafter to the assessments in the Nineteenth Ward.

THE NINETEENTH WARD.

The increase of $19,235,760, in the assessed valuation of this ward for 1873, above the assessment for 1872, has been made the occasion of criticism, and it is due to those who make complaints that this report should not pass by those complaints without observation. This ward is bounded by Fortieth and Eighty-sixth streets, and Sixth-avenue and the East River, and has for several years been the theatre of the most active operations in real estate, and the area in which the most stately and costly mansions have been erected. For more than two miles, what is at present the most elegant avenue of the City, stretches through it. Within its limits capitalists discovered "the potentiality of acquiring wealth beyond the wildest dreams of avarice." The advance in value of its lots has been such as to almost paralyse for the time the efforts of the assessor to keep pace with it. Many of the owners themselves have doubted the actuality and permanence of the constantly-increasing prices. Delegations of tax-payers holding property there have pressed their views upon the Commissioners. Some of the points they have presented may be briefly stated thus:

That prices had attained a point at which they were not likely to be supported.

That those who had invested at high prices ought to be treated with special leniency, as their purchases had helped to keep up the tone of the market and sustain prices generally.

That those who had erected buildings should be considered as public benefactors, who were ornamenting the City at their own expense, and encouraging others to follow their example, entitling them to exemptions sometimes accorded to pioneers.

That many local assessments for paving, &c., would yet be imposed upon the property.

That at least one year of grace should be allowed, and any increase of assessment postponed for that period.

These arguments were certainly plausible, and not without effect. For 1871 the assessment on the Nineteenth Ward was not raised anything in proportion to the increase in values, and for 1872 similar pleas, vehemently urged, were allowed undue weight, and a proper advance in valuation again deferred, until the tax-rate of that year, $2 91 on the $100, aroused the attention and complaints of tax-payers in other portions of the City.

From their stand-point they argued:

That $10,000 worth of property was worth as much in one portion of the City as in another.

That the down-town owner not only had a large assessment on his own property, but had to bear, in the general tax, the expense of many local improvements up-town which inured almost exclusively to the benefit of property in that vicinity.

The property in the Nineteenth Ward was assessed far below the proportion observed in other parts of the City.

A fair consideration of the subject in all its relations, not only justifies the assessment for 1873, but would warrant even a larger assessment. It is alleged that 1872 was a year in which the estate in this ward did not advance so rapidly as in 1870 and 1871; but if in those years, in deference to the views of owners, the increase which should have been made was postponed, it ought not now be claimed that it must never be rated at the advance which has been actually realized. The postponement of the proper advance in 1871 and 1872 conferred a very substantial advantage. The Commissioners are not bound to prove that the advance in value occurred in the very year in which the assessments were increased. It is enough if the assessment bear a just relation to the value, whether the value was attained one year or ten years ago.

But while adhering to this general proposition, the Commissioners do not lose sight of the fact that there was in 1872 a very material increase of value in a large portion of the Nineteenth Ward. In that year the tax-payers at large contributed $1,598,767 50 toward defraying the expenses of sinking the railroad bed in Fourth-avenue, the benefit from which accrues almost exclusively to the property-owners in that ward. To the down-town owner it matters little whether his egress from the City by rail be an open cut or a covered way—he would probably prefer the former—but after he has paid for the latter, he is not, in addition, willing to pay a portion of the taxes of those whose property is largely and directly benefited by the alteration.

DOWN-TOWN ASSESSMENTS.

Commercial life, as well as social life, has its fashions. The dry-goods trade once had its home in Pearl and Pine streets, and Hanover-square in the First Ward. Thence it went to the Second Ward, thence to the Fifth Ward, and now largely to the Eighth Ward. The hat, the fur, the jewelry and other trades have been even more erratic in their migrations. Values of real estate have been largely affected by such movements of that character, and it has frequently occurred that the owner of property in Front, Water, Pearl, Stone, South, William, Greenwich, Washington, West, Dey, Vesey, and many other streets has been suddenly aroused by the results of an auction sale, made under favorable circumstances, to the fact that his property was assessed for ten or twenty per cent. more than he can sell it for. Such discoveries force a reduction of assessed values. Yet for 1873 it is probably true that the assessments upon property below Grand-street are from ten to fifteen per cent. higher than those upon property above Fortieth-street, allowing both to be placed upon the market upon the same terms and conditions.

STATE EQUALIZATION.

The very great disparity between the rate of valuation in New-York and in nearly all the other counties in the State, is well understood. It has for many years furnished a just ground for complaint and remonstrance. The State Board of Equalization has not hitherto responded to such remonstrance with a proper regard to the equity of the case. In the month of June the Board of State Assessors spent many hours in examining the records of this department and in hearing the statements of the Commissioners in reference thereto, and they are in possession of facts which, it is hoped, will enable them to obtain in the State Board of Equalization something approximating a fair apportionment of the general assessment in the State for this City.

CONCLUSION.

The public examination of the assessment rolls before a committee, now pending, is altogether *ex parte*, and based upon the unsworn statements of parties directly interested. Many of these statements as already made are susceptible of such explanation as would entirely vindicate this department.

The Commissioners, conscious of integrity of purpose, will go on in the discharge of their delicate and responsible duties, divested of all prejudice or preference. Expecting censure under any circumstances, and accepting it as a portion of the teaching to the nature of their office, they will endeavor never to deserve it, and so endure it with complacency. Bearing testimony to the general fairness and reasonableness of the great body of tax-payers, they are conscious that perfect assessors have never yet been found, and if they were, the volume of complaint would not be essentially diminished, unless perfect tax-payers were discovered at the same time.

The foregoing report embraces the proceedings of our predecessors, in regard to which Mr. Andrews is the only member of our board qualified to speak. This report has been prepared by and is vouched for by him alone. It is therefore due Messrs. Wheeler and Moulton to say that they sign it as Commissioners, although their duties and responsibilities as such date only from May 9, 1873.

JOHN WHEELER,
GEO. H. ANDREWS,
SEVERN D. MOULTON,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.
NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1873.

THE UNITED STATES LAW ASSOCIATION.

A report of the sixth annual meeting of the United States Law Association, held on July 25, in this City, has been published. Gen. B. Franklin Fisher, of Philadelphia, presided, and congratulated the President and the members of the association on the progress the organization had made of late years, and the influence it was capable of exercising. He said it was the only institution in the country which had for its object the elevation of the legal profession while producing a closer intimacy with the commercial community without any of the features of the commercial agency system. A letter was read by the Secretary, Mr. James H. Remington, of New-York, from Mr. George Merrill, dated from Paris, urging the necessity for the adoption of some general system of laws throughout all the States embracing the domestic relations, marriage, and divorce, wills, the distribution of estates in cases of intestancy, bills of exchange, and other matters at present so much confused. Mr. Charles H. Truman, the President of the association, also addressed the meeting. The sum of $57,500 was subscribed by the members present, and, after transacting some routine business, the meeting adjourned.

INCENDIARY FIRE.

Jamaica Village, Long Island, narrowly escaped a very serious conflagration yesterday. The barn of Mrs. Sarah Stoothoff, on Herriman-avenue, was fired by an incendiary early in the morning, and with its contents was totally destroyed. The building stood directly in the rear of and very near to the Trustees' Hall, which was damaged by fire and water to the extent of $600, and was only saved from entire destruction by the exertions of the firemen. The public school building also narrowly escaped. Had either of these buildings got fairly on fire it is impossible to say where the conflagration would have ended, as the houses in that neighborhood are all built of wood, stand near together, and the fire must have had a clean sweep for some distance. The Trustees' Hall is fully insured. The loss on the barn and contents is estimated at $800.

THE FRENCH CANADIANS.

The ninth annual convention of the French-Canadian societies of the United States will be held, during the present week, at Bideford, Me., commencing to-morrow, when it is expected that representatives of some fifty societies from all parts of the United States will be present. The French-Canadian Society of this City has elected as its delegates Messrs. George Batchelor, Col. F. Boucher, and Charles Monsette, who will leave for Maine to-day. The proceedings of the convention, it is expected, will be brought to a close on Saturday. The object of the meeting is principally to effect a union of the French Canadian element in the United States for political, social, and benevolent purposes; but many of the societies for some years past have earnestly agitated the question of Canadian annexation, and the majority of the French Canadians in this country, as well as in Canada, think that this must, sooner or later, be carried out. The French Canadian population in this country, it is estimated, amounts to about 800,000, of whom about 5,000 are residing in this City.

THE INDIANS.

REPORTED OUTRAGES IN WESTERN TEXAS—SUCCESSFUL PURSUIT OF APACHES IN NEW-MEXICO.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—Rev. Norman Badger, army chaplain at Fort Concha, Western Texas, arrived here yesterday, en route for Washington. He states that a scouting party returned to Fort Concha on last Saturday week after forty days' absence, bringing in a number of stolen ponies captured from the Indians off their reservation; also, the fresh scalp of a white girl thirteen years old, who was with a woman killed and scalped on Staked Plain, two weeks before. Mr. Badger says it is now known that Gen. McKenzie, during his great expedition against the Comanches last Fall, killed upward of 100 of them, although it was reported at the time that he killed but twenty-three. About three weeks ago a band of Indians appeared near Old Camp Colorado, shot and stabbed a Mrs. Williams, also shot Mrs. Williams' little girl, mashed her head against the door-post, threw her body into the fire, then entering the house, shot a girl eight years of age and carried her away with them. Mrs. Williams, notwithstanding her two wounds, crawled into the house, pulled her little child out of the fire, rolled her in a wet blanket, and laid her in bed. Her husband soon after returning, she related to him the circumstances of the attack upon the house and then died; but the infant whose head had been so badly bruised, was still alive when last heard from, and would probably revolt.

A band of from fifty to sixty Indians were roaming about the country south of Fort McKavett, and in the absence of the cavalry at the fort, couriers have been sent in all directions to warn the settlers. Much alarm existed and citizens were arming to defend themselves.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Gen. Pope, commanding the Department of the Missouri, in a general order, announces the brilliant result achieved by Capt. G. W. Chilson, of the Eighth United States Cavalry, and a detachment under his command, in the pursuit of the Apache Indians in New-Mexico, on the 13th of July. The Indians had stolen eleven head of horses from a citizen of New-Mexico, and were followed by Capt. Chilson and his command for five days. When they were overtaken a fight ensued, which resulted in the killing of three Indians and recovery of all the horses. Capt. Chilson lost one man killed, First Sergt. J. S. Morris. Sergt. L. S. Sytte, Corporal Frank Brattling, Blacksmith John Sherin, and Private Henry Mills are honorably mentioned for brave conduct.

FIGHT BETWEEN INDIANS AND MEXICANS.

The San Diego (Cal.) *Union* gleans from a resident of the locality, the following particulars of the recent serious fight between Indians of the Jacumba tribe, who live in Lower California, and some Mexicans, at Pablo Sandoval's house, in Gustay Valley, about forty-two miles from San Diego: "About thirty of these Indians and twenty Mexicans congregated at Pablo Sandoval's house, on Saturday evening, July 19, and commenced the gambling game styled 'pino.' Liquor was procured and the excitement ran high until daylight, when a row occurred that had the effect of breaking up the party. Knives were drawn and freely used, but strange to say not a single shot was fired. After a determined and bloody struggle, the Indians became masters of the situation, and the Mexicans fled the field, leaving several of their number who had been fatally wounded. Pablo Sandoval, whose family were there, refused to leave them, and was taken prisoner. He was pinioned, and the Indians started with the evident intention of carrying him off to kill him, or take him down into Lower California and get a ransom for him. Some friends of Sandoval hunted up the Indian 'General,' Jose Maria, who intercepted the victors, and ransomed Sandoval by giving the Indians some money, two horses, and a number of sheep. There are several Mexicans known to be in the fracas who have not since been seen; some say they were killed. Nearly all the Mexicans and Indians engaged in the fight who were seen by our informant bore marks of the affray, some of them of a severe character. As soon as Pablo Sandoval was released he returned to his home, and with the assistance of friends moved his goods, cattle, horses, and sheep up into the thickly-settled portion of the valley about four miles from his former residence."

THE TROOPS IN TEXAS.

A letter from San Antonio, Texas, to the Galveston *News*, written on the 1st inst., gives the following interesting statements concerning military affairs in that department, derived from Gen. McKeever, Adjutant General of the Department of Texas: "Gen. Mackenzie has not been killed, nor has he been absent from Fort Clark, his post of duty. There has been no fight with the Indians, and but one Indian killed, which was at Fort McKavett. He was a chief, as is to be seen by his outfit, which is here in San Antonio. It is uncertain which tribe he belonged to, but this will be determined in a few days, as his hat and other articles have been sent to Fort Sill for that purpose. Major Morrow's command, embracing several companies of cavalry, were, at last accounts, scouting on the Brazos. There is one company of soldiers in Frio County, assisting the citizens in fighting the Indians, who are very bad there. I conversed with several soldiers just in from the Sabinal. They confirmed the killing of an old gentleman named Massey, and of other attacks on Mexicans, who luckily escaped with their lives, the depredations in stealing stock, &c. There is a rumor at head-quarters here that the Kickapoos and Pottawattomies will return from Mexico and give themselves up to go on the reservation. As yet it is unconfirmed, though it is thought there may be something in it. Gen. Mackenzie writes to Gen. Augur that he has ordered Capt. Wint to trail back the last large party of Indians—those who came into San Antonio and traded for powder, &c.—and see where they came from. He incloses letters from Col. Shafter and one from Col. Atkinson, relative to the Kickapoos; but these letters are private. The military are scouting in every direction from Fort Clark and Fort Duncan, and doing all in their power to render the country quiet. It appears to be Gen. Mackenzie's opinion that the Indians raiding in the vicinity of Clark were Lipans and Mescaleros, the last band being, probably, Comanches."

SATANTA AND BIG TREE.

The two Indian chiefs who have excited so much interest through the refusal of Gov. Davis, of Texas, to release them from imprisonment, are thus described by a correspondent of the Houston *Mercury*: "Satanta is about fifty-three years of age, above the average height, and compactly built. His face wears a thoughtful rather than a treacherous look, and his large, keen eye has nothing of the devilish in it except when angered; then it flashes and burns into yours like a living coal. Big Tree, who is only a sort of second lieutentant to Satanta, and has no influence with the tribes, is a short, thick-set, wiry, treacherous-looking savage, in whose coal-black eye gleams the desire to do deeds that chill the blood to think of. Strange to say, he is the most industrious of the two, and has actually learned the art of putting a cane-bottom in a chair. Satanta sits during the day in a different shop and chews tobacco, of which he is a passionate lover. At night they both occupy the same cell, No. 3, in the east building. They are always by person and habit kept by the usual prison coercion, and they are industrious by the some process. Big Tree, according to this rule, works all the time. He is employed in a shop in the third story, and it is curious to see him looking out of the window every now and then; curious to watch the emotions of his heart, reading in his face, as he peers into the woodland bordering the town. As a general thing these Indians are on good terms with those working and living with them, and although they have not settled down in the habits of the white man, they have learned some of his ways. Big Tree will do things on the sly, but Satanta does all he does do open and above board, and when reprimanded plays ignorance and of course escapes. He often scolds Big Tree in vigorous Kiowa, and sometimes he whips him in real earnest. The Indian notion gives Big Tree no chance to fight back, and he takes it mutely. They are both in good health, though Satanta is less the robust Indian he was when first incarcerated."

CITY HALL NOTES.

Nothing of importance transpired in the Mayor's office yesterday. Mayor Havemeyer was at his office at an early hour, but he had but little business to transact. In the afternoon he had brief interviews with Rev. Dr. King, Alderman Morris, and others.... The Board of Assistant Aldermen had no quorum yesterday, and the President adjourned the meeting until Monday next. Many of the members were absent on an "excursion." Thos. Abbott, who was previously appointed Secretary of the board, took the oath of office before the Mayor's Chief Clerk.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Three weeks ago, two men hired a room on the top floor of the tenement-house, No. 306 Front-street. Next door is Woodhull & Co.'s wholesale ship chandlery, one of the oldest firms in the City. Yesterday morning it was found that the men in the tenement-house—evidently professional burglars—had cut a hole through the wall and endeavored to cut open the safe. They failed to break the safe, however, and left their tools behind.

KINGS COUNTY ANNEXATION.

The commissioners appointed to draft a plan for the annexation of Kings County towns to the City of Brooklyn met for organization yesterday at the Court-house, in Brooklyn. Hon. John A. Lott, of Flatbush, was chosen President, and Messrs. Bishop and Ryder appointed clerk and sergeant at arms, respectively. Judge Lott briefly addressed the commissioners, alluding to the former efforts to force consolidation on the county towns, and expressing a hope that the present commission which had been organized under more favorable circumstances might be enabled to devise some proper plan for the annexation of the county towns to Brooklyn as one city. The commission will meet at 2 o'clock daily.

THE STATE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The following article, from the *Pall Mall Gazette*, will be found interesting:

"One of the most striking features of our time is the general and unquestioning belief that the essentials of political life are altered because its forms have undergone so complete a change during the last fifty years. Not more than half a century has elapsed since England abandoned her attitude of oppugnance and exclusion toward the Roman Church, and yet the present generation is quite at a loss to understand a political situation very analogous to our own in past times—a situation which is now engrossing the attention of every continental politician. Germany and Switzerland seem to be almost exactly in the same position with regard to Rome in which England found herself in the times of Elizabeth and James I., with the difference that those countries have behind them 200 years of toleration, very much like (although due to entirely different causes) the epoch of toleration which England looks forward to now after a similar period of just intolerance. And Germany and Switzerland are in this dilemma now simply because they did not act as the English and the Dutch did two centuries ago. There are questions the solution of which may be postponed, but the day arrives when they must be solved; and the longer the solution is delayed, the more difficult it becomes. Among these unavoidable questions, none requires to be met with more courage than that of the relations between the Roman Church and those States in which the majority is Protestant. Nor is the question to be disposed of by any general abstract principle, such as the principle of absolute religious liberty. Germany and Switzerland are not in the position of wholly Catholic nations, like Italy, France, and Belgium, nor in that of entirely Protestant countries, such as the United States or Sweden. They are, in fact in very much the same condition that Holland and England were in at the beginning of the seventeenth century. Before granting absolute liberty they must put the authority of the State above all contest. As they neglected to do so, or were unable to do so, 300 years since, they must venture on it now; for they have to deal with an enemy as daring as he is powerful.

The Catholic Church, indeed, is one of those organisms for which our abstract and absolute formulas are completely inadequate, both in theory and practice. Its long duration, its powerful organization, its numerous officers, its wealth, its universality, would make of it a most dangerous enemy under all conditions. And there happen to be two circumstances which necessarily bring this organization into conflict, sooner or later, with the national and secular interests of every State. These two circumstances are the supreme sovereignty of the Pope—that is to say, a foreigner residing in a foreign country—and the celibacy of the priests. The one makes every Catholic priest the subject of a higher power than the laws of his country; the second frees him of every consideration of worldly interest, enlisting him in the service of an abstract ideal, and an ideal which is the negation of the State. The contest may slumber for a while, as it has done in Germany since the Thirty Years' War, out of sheer exhaustion, or as it does just now in England, because the Roman Church is as yet too weak to exhibit its ultimate

DOMESTIC MAIL NEWS.

COMMON LAW MARRIAGE.

Judge Wallace, of the Cook County (Illinois) Court, on Thursday last, rendered a decision on what is called the Willig common-law marriage case. The Chicago *Journal* thus refers to it: "This case is one of peculiar interest, involving a legal principle never before decided in any court of this city, and never yet tested in the Supreme Court of the State. The facts developed on the trial are these: Gottlieb Willig, an aged German, possessing property valued at $56,000, lived and died at Jefferson, in this county. He left two sons, Charles Heinrich and Fritz; the former at the time of the old man's death—which occurred on the 16th of May, 1872—was living in Memphis, Tenn., having been absent from his father's home ever since the Spring of 1858. The old man left no will, and the woman Mary, whom people knowing the family supposed to be his wife, and whom the deceased had long treated as such, obtained letters from the County Court appointing herself administratrix, and her friend, John Jenkins, administrator of the estate. A few weeks ago Charles Heinrich Willig, learning the state of affairs at his old home, returned to this county and filed a petition in the County Court, setting forth that the woman Mary, who claims to be his father's widow, was never legally married to him, and is not, therefore, his widow. He asked that the administration be set aside, and that the Court appoint the petitioner administrator of his father's estate. The respondent replied, through her attorney, that though she had never been married to the deceased in the usual way, by a formal ceremony performed by a third person, she and Gottlieb Willig did, on the 1st of March, 1858, marry themselves; that they entered into a solemn compact to live together as husband and wife, and did so up to the hour of the old man's death; and that she had two children, of whom he was the father. It appeared from the testimony of witnesses that for several years prior to this 'marriage,' Mary had lived in Willig's family as a servant or hired girl. It will be seen that the case is one which involves the validity of what is known as a 'common law marriage,' and hence the unusual interest which it has created. The case was ably argued by H. D. Asay, Esq., for the petitioner, and A. J. Sisk, Esq., for the defendant. A great many authorities were cited by the counsel, and afterward examined by the Court. The Court stated that in deciding the case it was necessary to settle two points, and only two. First, is the common law of England in relation to marriages in force in this State? Second, were the provisions of that law complied with in the case? The Judge then proceeded to read from the Illinois statute passed in 1845, which declared that the common law relating to marriages should be the law in this State; and he declared that there had as yet been no repeal of that statute. This point being settled, his Honor next came to a review of the testimony of witnesses called before him. He thought there was no room to doubt that the parties had acted in perfect good faith; that they considered themselves properly married; that after having married themselves in the presence of witnesses they lived together in every respect as husband and wife for a period of about ten years; that during that time the woman gave birth to two children, of which Willig was the father, and that they executed several instruments of writing jointly, the same as any other married couple; also that the woman faithfully cared for the interests of her husband, and watched over him through the last weeks and hours of his illness, till the close of his earthly career. Under these circumstances, the Court thought the marriage was a legal one, according to the common law rules, and the administration should not be set aside. The petition was dismissed at the cost of the petitioner."

TWO YEARS ON THE TRAIL.

How four old Montana stage-coach robbers have been tracked and finally arrested for robbing Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure-box of $16,000 in July, 1871, is thus told in a recent issue of a Montana paper: "On the 9th of July, 1871, the treasure-box of Wells, Fargo & Co. was robbed of $16,000 while the coach was stopping at the Red Rock dinner station, thirty-five miles below Lovell's. All that could be fairly conjectured at the time was that a collusion had been made between the driver, stock-tender, and station-keeper to steal the treasure-box and throw suspicion on other parties. There was no messenger accompanying the coach on this trip, and the robbery was easily accomplished. All efforts to work these suspicions into positive proof were unavailing, though the severest measures were resorted to by the express detectives. If we remember correctly, shortly after the occurrence a party, under guidance of "X" Beidler, corraled the stock-tender and endeavored to make him confess, but severe choking at the end of a lariat elicited nothing but a stout denial of the crime, and the affair soon passed out of comment. The officers of the stage company and the detectives, however, still believed the station people guilty, and for two years have kept the movements of McClain, (station-keeper,) Hinsman, (a Red Rock ranchman,) Rugg, and McCoy under strict surveillance. During this time McClain has got tired of keeping station and gone into the stock business, owning over 1,000 head of cattle and horses when arrested. Hinsman grew prosperous in a degree of rapidity that seemed unreasonable to those acquainted with his resources, and Rugg was flushed beyond the profits of his avocation. But there seemed no way of proving how at this sudden prosperity came about, as two years had elapsed since the robbery, leaving no trail. Within a few days the whole affair has leaked out, it seems although dissatisfaction among the robbers over a division of the spoils. Jim McCoy, the stock-tender, now comes forward, pleads guilty to a participation in the robbery, and turns State's evidence against his companions. The reason for this singular conduct is this: McClain, dividing $16,000 with Hinsman, and Rugg appropriated the lion's share of the money, putting off McCoy with the paltry sum of $127 and a promise that they would 'make it all right some time.' This they have never done, and McCoy, probably out of pure spite, now 'peaches' on his pals. McCoy lodged the information with the officers some two weeks since, and on Saturday last Sheriff Con Bray had the four men in jail at Bannack. It is understood that all the parties plead guilty, and that McClain's stock and a certificate of deposit for $2,000 at the banking-house of Henry Billing, Virginia City, in the name of Hinsman, have been attached and turned over to Wells, Fargo & Co. as a part of the stolen treasure. McClain and Hinsman are cool scoundrels, and on several occasions since the robbery have sold grain to and otherwise dealt with the stage company. Rugg was arrested in Salt Lake City, and McCoy, was impecunious. This is a rather noticeable verification of the old saw, 'When rogues fall out and fight honest men get their dues,' as had McCoy been squarely dealt with by his pals, it is altogether likely this commendable remorse would never have overtaken him, his co-robbers would have prospered in peace with their ill-gotten gains, and suspicion would have eventually died out."

TWO YEARS IN THE SAME PARTY EVERYWHERE.

That the Democratic Party managers throughout the country are apt and willing followers of Tammany tricksters receives a fresh illustration in the means employed in Kentucky to keep Col. Goodloe out of the State Senate after he has been fairly elected by the Republicans of his district. Their mode of operating is thus explained by the Louisville *Commercial*: "When the day after the election, we were indulging in a little jubilation over the probable election of Goodloe in the Lexington District, a gentleman at our elbow, who is thoroughly acquainted with the spirit of the Democracy in that region, cautioned us against too great enthusiasm. His prophesy was, that though Goodloe had fairly been elected, the Fayette County Democrats would devise some way to cheat him out of it. Recent developments have shown how accurate was his judgment, and how correct his prediction. Because of some unimportant informalities in the poll-books, which many suspect were arranged beforehand by the Democratic manipulators, the whole vote of Fayette County was thrown out by the Board of Examiners, except in one precinct. The real vote gave Goodloe a majority of 253 in the county, which insured his election. By throwing out the vote in all the precincts but one, Goodloe's majority in the county is only fifty-nine, which defeats him. The only informality of any consequence was the failure of the officers of election to certify that the poll-book showed a correct list of the votes. Yet as sworn officers they had filled the blanks showing the number of votes cast for each candidate. The entire informality consists in a mere clerical omission that does not affect the validity of the returns. Yet the County Judge and the County Clerk, both Democrats, who have no right to decide any legal or technical questions in the case, but whose whole duty is to ascertain the correctness of the summing up of the votes, took legal advice of their Democratic friends, and threw out the vote of every precinct in the county but one. All the sophistry in the world would not convince a reasonable man, acquainted with the facts, that the real object of this shameful transaction was not to defeat Goodloe."

GOV. DAVIS' RETURN.

Gov. Davis, of Texas, returned to Austin on Tuesday morning, 5th inst., after an absence of six weeks. Of the results of his visit to the North, the Austin *Journal* thus speaks: "We have not had an opportunity of securing a full account of all the results of the Governor's trip, but infer that he has met with better success than he anticipated, and far beyond what was predicted by the knowing ones here and in New-York. He could have sold the bonds at eighty cents on the dollar, but determined to realize at least ninety cents. The bonds are now in the hands of one of the ablest and best financiers in New-York City, with a good prospect of realizing money on them within thirty days, at the figures set by the Governor. The Governor speaks cheerfully about our position abroad, and says that the International Railroad Company made no opposition to his negotiations. About Satanta and Big Tree, the Governor has had a perfect understanding with the Washington authorities, without compromising his position in the least. About removals of corrupt Federal officials, they are likely to ripen and fall with the first Autumn leaves. Our Governor is welcome home."

A SOMNAMBULIST GYMNAST.

The queer freaks of a sleeping man in St. Louis are thus related by the *Times*: "A conductor of street-cars, named Leslie, boards at a house nearly opposite the offices of the car company. The house is about sixty feet front, three stories high, and Leslie's room is in the top story. Adjoining the building is one of a lower altitude, the roof of which is about six feet below Leslie's window. East of this are the car stables. Between 11 and 12 o'clock one night Leslie was seen, in his night-dress, cutting up all sorts of queer pranks on the roof of his boarding-house. He was here throwing a series of flip-flaps, dancing backward and forward, and gesticulating in the strangest possible manner. He then walked down to the eaves of the roof, where he seated himself, with his legs dangling over the street. Jump ing up, he marched along the edge of the roof to the western parapet wall, which is only a brick thick, up which he walked to the chimney, which he mounted and passed round it. Coming down from this perilous perch he walked over the roof, stopping by the way to go through the manual of arms, till he reached the eastern parapet, from which he jumped down on to the roof of the low building. Here he indulged in a little tight-rope practice, walking along the wire of the fire-alarm telegraph, divesting himself of his shirt while in this queer position, and throwing it down on the roof, the crowd meanwhile being in breathless suspense at the danger in which the poor fellow was. He then jumped back on to the roof, resumed his shirt, threw a first-rate summersault, and climed up to the roof-ridge of the house. These sort of evolutions were continued without any apparent fatigue or thought of danger for some time. He then jumped down on to the stable roof, some four or five feet lower, and marched up and down the front wall of the building, some hundred feet in length, going through the manual exercises the while in the most perfect manner. He returned by the course he had come, climbing the bare wall at the east end of the middle building without any apparent difficulty, and making a clean leap of several feet through his window into his bedroom. A member of the officers of the car company went into his room immediately, where they found Leslie lying on his bed, evidently fast asleep, though with staring, wide-open eyes. After some difficulty he was awakened from his stupor, but was unable to give any reason for his strange antics, being evidently unconscious of anything that had occurred. Blisters had been called to his blackened hands and bleeding feet, but he could not give an idea as to how they came in that condition. Altogether it is one of the most extraordinary cases of somnambulism on record, and well worthy the attention of the scientific. His fellow employes say that he has on several former occasions been caught while on the roof, sleep-walking excursions, but never before has he indulged in such a remarkable series of gymnastic feats."

THE CHOLERA AT MOUNT VERNON.

The Mayor of Mount Vernon, Ind., has officially announced that the cholera has at length entirely disappeared from that city. The extent of its ravages in this town of 5,000 inhabitants may be learned from these statements made by the St. Louis *Democrat*: "During the latter part of June, and the whole of July, the epidemic raged with unprecedented severity, as many as six deaths having occurred in one day, and the mortality rate of the city, which had previously averaged less than one death per week, had reached in the week ending July 18, as high as twenty-eight from this cause alone. The total number of deaths within the city limits during the prevalence of the epidemic was eighty, and within a radius of three miles from the city eighty more deaths occurred from the same cause, the number of lives lost being, therefore, 160. Among those who succumbed to the fatal scourge were many of the oldest and most reputable citizens of the place, whose loss will be felt in the community for some time to come. So great was the alarm excited in the minds of the people that the town was almost deserted, the ravages of the disease being so severe as to cause all to leave who could do so. Many of the wholesale business houses were closed for several days together. As is generally the case, however, in all great public calamities, there were some of the residents whose sense of duty impelled them to brave the dangers from which others had so precipitately fled, and at the risk of falling victims to the disease remain to assist in alleviating the sufferings of the sick and dying, and by every means in their power mitigate the severity of the affliction of those who were bereaved. In this noble work Major U. G. Dameron was particularly conspicuous, and by his kindness, forethought, and self-sacrificing devotion did much to assuage the grief and sorrow every where to be found, and by his calm demeanor to inspire many with that confidence and courage which had in many cases entirely disappeared. The cause of the epidemic is believed to have been the use of well water. The city is 160 miles from St. Louis, about midway between Cairo and New-Albany, and is delightfully situated, having been, ever since its foundation, noted as one of the most healthy spots in the country."

FARMING IN WESTERN TEXAS.

The Galveston *News* speaks enthusiastically of the profits of agriculture in Western Texas, and says: "Every year's additional experience confirms us in the opinion that the dronths formerly so much complained of in Western Texas are becoming less and less frequent as the country is settled up, and as the prairies are becoming more and more timbered or covered with a rapid growth of mesquit and chapparal. In fact, we believe Western Texas—that is, the country between the Colorado and San Antonio—has suffered as little from dronths during the past ten years as any State in the South. The crops have generally been good, and the labor of the Western farmers has generally been remunerated with good crops. Indeed, we believe farming has been subject to more drawbacks in the Northern and Western States than in Texas from dronths, excessive rains, late Spring and early Fall frosts, storms, inundations, and other casualties. Taking into consideration the great length of the farming season in Texas, extending almost through the whole year, as compared with the very short season at the North, there is not a doubt but that it will be entirely safe to put down bonds of forty to say that the same labor here is rewarded with more than twofold the remuneration it receives at the North."

ACCIDENT TO A FUNERAL PROCESSION.

The Wheeling (W. Va.) *Intelligencer* gives the following account of a frightful accident which happened to a funeral procession in that city on Friday afternoon last, while it was following the remains of a child up the hill toward the Peninsula Cemetery: "There is a fearful embankment on the left of the road that leads from Manchester to the cemetery. It is in some places nearly perpendicular, and at all points descends at an angle of not less than forty-five degrees. As the procession was going up the hill, and had gotten nearly to the top, just at the very worst place for an accident, two boys, who were coming down the hill with fishing-rods, met them. The boys were quarreling, and one was trying to take the rods from the other, and the noise of the scuffle scared the horses. The horse attached to the wagon next to the hearse began to plunge, and in an instant horse wagon and the persons in it, John McAdams and his wife, and a little daughter of James McAdams, went tumbling down the embankment. As the other conveyances were closely following, all of the horses commenced backing, and it was only by prompt action that any of them were kept on the road. The balance of them, however, were prevented from going down with the exception of the next to the last one, which was occupied by John Marshall, wife, and child. The forward buggy, with the horse, went crashing down for fully 200 feet, and was only prevented from going several hundred more by being caught in some bushes, on a comparatively level spot. Mr. Marshall's buggy did not go so far, the bank at the point where they went over not being so steep. All of the occupants of these two buggies were more or less hurt, and Messrs. Marshall and McAdams and Mrs. Marshall were badly injured, being cut in many places, and badly bruised. One buggy was mashed into kindling-wood, but the other was not much damaged."

THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION.

Telegrams in the North Carolina papers of Saturday do not render it certain that the amendments to the State Constitution have been ratified, although the probabilities seem to point in that way. The latest intelligence comes in a dispatch from Raleigh, dated Friday night, which reads: "The returns are meagre from the West. Forsythe, a Republican county, goes 500 majority for the amendments. Wake about 500 against the amendments. Franklin gives a small majority for the amendments. Granville has gone against by a reduced majority. Warren and Halifax give increased majorities against the amendments. It is believed here that the Western vote will counteract the majorities of the negro counties, and that the amendments will be adopted by a handsome majority."

A QUEER CRAFT.

The New-Haven *Palladium* says that while two boys, aged ten and fourteen years, sons of Mr. Dwight M. Welch, of that city, who were visiting friends in East Hampton, Conn., were bathing from an island near the centre of Pocatapaug Lake, one day last week, their boat, which was moored a little from shore, floated off and was wafted to the main land about a mile away. The boys, fearing the finding of the boat with their clothes therein would cause serious alarm, launched from the island an old table, and the eldest boy, hoisting an umbrella in his hands, started, saying, "Good-bye, Harry, if I never see you again," reached the shore in safety, returning with the boat. The hero of this adventure is quite small, weighing only six

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—AUG. 11.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

100 Pacific Mail	40⅜	100 Rock Island	110⅝
300 do	40⅝	500 Lake Shore	94⅜
300 do	40⅜	100 do	94⅝
1500 do	40⅜	100 do	64⅜
200 do	40⅛	100 do	94⅞
700 do	40⅜	300 do	94⅛
500 do	40⅜	100 do	95
200 do	40⅞	200 do	94⅞
400 do	40⅞	300 do	95
300 do	41	400 do	92
300 do	40⅞	100 do	94⅞
100 do	40⅞	200 C., C. & I. C	32½
100 do	40⅝	100 At. & Pac. Pf. b. c	40¼
200 do	40⅞	100 do	40⅜
100 do	41	500 do	40⅝
100 do	40⅞	100 do	40⅜
100 N. Y. C. & H	105⅜	100 do	40⅝
200 North-west Pf	82½	100 do	40⅜
100 Western Union	92⅝	100 St. Paul	52¾
600 do	92½	100 St. Paul Pf	73¼
600 do	92⅝	800 Atlantic & Pac. Pf	29⅝
200 do	92½	200 do	29⅞
20 do	92¼	100 do	29⅞
400 Union Pacific	28⅝	100 do	29¾
200 do	28⅜	100 do	29⅝
1100 Erie Railway	59⅝	100 C., C. & I. C	32⅜
300 do	59⅝	200 do	32½
500 do	59⅝	200 do	32⅜
500 do	59⅝	100 do	32⅝
200 do	59⅝	100 do	32½
200 do	59⅝	200 do	32½
300 Tol. & Wabash	72	100 do	32½
200 do	72	100 do	32⅝

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 A. M.

$4,000 U.S. 5-20, c. '65	119¼	$11,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65, n...b. c	117
10,000 U.S. 5-20, c. '67	119⅜		
$8,000 U.S. 5-20, c. '65 b. c	117⅜	2,000 U. S. 5-20, c. '68	118⅛

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 O'CLOCK.

300 Pacific Mail...b3.	41⅛	50 American Ex	62½
200 do	41¼	100 N. Y. C. & H...b3.	105⅜
700 do	41⅜	200 Lake Shore	94⅞
100 do...s.	41⅜	100 do	94⅞
600 do...s3.	41⅜	200 Union Pacific	28⅝
900 do	41½	100 do...b3.	28⅜
100 do...b3.	41½	100 Tol. & Wab...s3.	72
500 do	41½	100 Del., Lack. & W	102
300 do	41½		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$500 Erie, 5th	98	400 Erie Railway, b. c	59⅜
1,000 C. P. gold bds	100⅜	50 Mich. C. R. R	94⅞
1,000 do, new	81¼	100 Cleve. & Pitts	92⅝
2,000 N. Y. Cent. 1st	104¼	30 do	89⅜
400 Pacific Mail...s3.	41⅜	50 N. J. C. R	b. c. 103
200 do...b. c. b3.	41⅜	50 do	s3. 103
100 do	41⅜	200 Panama. R. R. b. c	114¾
100 do	41½	20 Ill. Cen	b. c. 102
100 do...b3.	41⅜	300 M. & St. P. R. R	52½
100 do	41⅜	100 do	52⅝
100 do...b3.	41⅜	100 O. & M. R. b. c. b3.	40⅛
700 do	41½	300 do	b3. 40⅜
100 do...b3.	41⅝	100 C., B. & Q. R. b. c	105½
900 do	41⅝	100 C., C. & I. C. b. c. b. s.	32¼
100 Md. C. Co	b. c. 24¼	100 A. & P., Pf	b. c. 28¾
360 American Ex	62		

SALES FROM 2:30 P. M. TO 3 P. M.

$20,000 U. S. 5-20, R. '67	117½	100 Lake Shore	c. 94⅞
5,000 U. P. I. & Grnt.	73½	100 do	95
307 N. Y. C. & H	105¼	100 do	110⅜
200 Western Union	92⅜	100 Ohio & Miss.	b3. 40⅜
200 do...s3.	92⅜	200 do	40⅜
800 Erie Railway	59⅝	100 St. Paul	b3. 52⅝
700 do	59¼	200 do	52⅝
100 Pac. Mail	b3 41⅝	500 St. Pau. Pf	73¼
300 do	41⅝	100 do	73⅜
200 do	41⅝	100 do	73⅝
200 Del., L. & W	101⅞	200 do	73¾
100 do...b3.	41⅞	400 do	73¾
3700 do	41⅞	100 C. C. & I. C	b3. 32½
400 do...b3.	42	300 do	32½
500 Harlem	131¾	200 St. L. & K. C	47
100 Panama	114½		

MONDAY, Aug. 11—P. M.

The Gold and Exchange markets are tame on actual transactions to-day. The quoted sales of Gold, as on Friday and Saturday, are 115⅜ @115⅛ ₱ cent., chiefly at 115⅜ ₱ cent. There is little or no speculation in the Gold Room outside the efforts of the clique to keep the price steady at about 115⅜ ₱ cent. The Cash Gold is not scarce, and the rates of interest allowed for carrying over balances are 3@4 ₱ cent.

The business in Exchange on London for Wednesday's steamer is, thus far, done at 108⅜ @109 ₱ cent. sixty days and 109⅜ to 109⅝ (irregular) for sight and short sight bills.

The Brokers are paying 4 ₱ cent. for Money, on call loan; on Stocks; 3@4 ₱ cent. on Gold, and 6@7 ₱ cent. on short time loans on Stock collateral. Merchant Paper is also 6@7 ₱ cent. for select names running 60 days. On longer time negotiations the lenders are not inclined to accept less than the equivalent of 9@10 ₱ cent. per annum, or 7 ₱ cent. with a good commission added. The market is well supplied on call and very short-time contracts at the cheaper rates quoted above, but there is a general looking forward to better terms for the lender later in the season, and, on the other hand, the preparations on the part of lenders are earlier than usual, against the possible contingencies of the October and November market.

Notwithstanding the complaints on the Street of absenteeism among the great Stock operators at the watering places, the Share speculation continues to show unusual strength for the month of August. It may be that the telegraph is actively at work from Saratoga, Newport, &c., qualifying the drawback referred to, but in any event it seems certain that the general market is strong and outside the control of the bearish clique who are *long* of Gold, or the prospective means of alarming Money borrowers, and *short* of Stocks in anticipation of such alarm later in the season. The strength of the market, in a certain sense, may be said to be three-fold. 1. The prominent Vanderbilt Stocks have a support which cannot easily be broken down. 2. All the leading New-York and Western Roads have an intrinsic support from the liberal and profitable traffic of the season. 3. The Miscellaneous Stocks, like Pacific Mail and Western Telegraph, are showing a strength, or in the case of the Pacific Mail, a recovery which the bearish interest on the Street is either unwilling or unable to resist.

The sales of Atlantic and Pacific Stocks show a reaction from the extreme rise of Saturday, owing to realizations on Stock held for some time on lower figures. In other respects the Share list, up to 2 o'clock, was stronger than at the close on Saturday.

Closing Quotations—Aug. 11.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States New 5s	114⅞	114⅞
U. S. 5-20s, May and November	119½	119½
U. S. 5-20s, January and July	119⅝	119½
American Gold	115⅜	115⅜
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109
N. Y. Central and Hudson	105½	105½
Chicago and Rock Island	110⅜	110⅜
Pacific Mail	40⅜	41⅞
St. Paul Preferred	73	73⅝
St. Paul Common	52⅜	52⅜
Ohio and Mississippi	40	40½
Western Union Telegraph	92⅜	92⅜
Erie	59⅜	59⅛
Union Pacific	28⅜	28⅜
Lake Shore	94½	94⅞
C., C. and Indiana Central	32⅛	32⅜
Toledo and Wabash	71⅞	71⅞
Harlem	132	131¾
Atlantic and Pacific	29½	29
North-west	67¾	67⅞
Missouri Pacific	49	49
Hannibal and St. Joseph	39	39¼

At the very close the Share speculation was steady, bouyant on Pacific Mail.

The Customs receipts to-day were $442,000.

The last prices for the various Public Funds of the United States this Afternoon are as follows:

6 ₱ cent. reg., '81	118¼	5-20 coup., '65, n. i	118
6 ₱ cent. coup., '81	120¼	5-20 reg., '67	117½
5-20 reg., '63	117¼	5-20 coup., '67	119½
5-20 coup., '62	117½	5-20 reg., '68	117½
5-20 reg., '64	117¼	5-20 coup., '68	118½
5-20 coup., '64	117¾	10-40 reg.	xd. 113½
5-20 reg., '65	117½	10-40 coup.	115½
5-20 coup., '65	119½	5s, coup., '81	114⅞
5-20 reg., '65, n. i	117	6s, Currency	114

The following bids were made at the Exchange Board to-day for the Railroad Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	92	Chi. & N. W. 1st	97
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	90	Han. & St. J. L. G	103
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub	90	Del., L. & W. 3d	104
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	100	D., L. & W. 7s, conv.	100¼
Erie 1st Ext	104	Tol. & W. 1st Ex	95
Erie 2d 7s, '79	104	T. & W. 1st, St. L. Div.	90½
Erie 3d 7s, '83	101½	T. & W. 2d	92½
Erie 5th 7s, '82	98½	Tol. & W. Eqp. bds.	83
R., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	92	T. & W. Gen. conv	84½
Hud. R. 7s, 2d S. F. '85	104	Quincy & P. 1st, 7s	91½
Hud. R. 7s, 3d, '75	102½	Gal. & Chi. Ext	101
Har. C. M. & S. F. 6s	98	Gal. & Chi. 2d	98
Alb'y & Susq. 2d bds.	97	Morris & Es. 1st	105
Alb'y & Susq. 3d bds.	95	Morris & Es. 2d	100
Mich. Cen. 1st 8s, '82	111	N. J. Sou. 1st, new	104
Mich. So. ₱ cts. 2d	99	N. J. So. 1st 7s	114½
Clev. & Tol. S. F	101	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d	100
Clev. & Tol. new bds.	95	P., Ft. W. & C. 3d	96
Clev. P. & A. old bds.	98	P., F. W. & C. 8 ₱ c. E. bs	103
Detroit, M. & T. bds.	96	Clev. & P. Con. S. F	93
Buff. & Erie new bds.	97	Clev. & P. 3d	98½
Lake Sh. Con. C. bds.	99½	Clev. & P. 4th	86
Lake Sh. Con. R. bds.	99	Chi. & Alt. S. F	100
Pacific 7s, G. by Mo.	97½	Chi. & M. 2d Consol.	84½
Cen. Pac. Gold bds	100½	St. L. & I. M. 1st	96¾
West. Pac. bds	99½	St. L. & I. M. 2d	88
Un. Pac. 1st bds	82½	M. & St. P. 1st 7s, G. R. D	83½
Un. Pac. L. G. 7s	77	M. & St. P. 1, M. I. & M. D.	80½
Un. Pac. Inc. 10s	62	M. & St. P. 2d	81
Ill. Cen. 7 ₱ ct., '75	102	Mar. & Cin. 1st	101
Belle. & S. Ill. 1st, 8s, '97	87	C., C. & I. C. 1st	89¼
Alt. & T. H. 1st	99	Tol., P. & W., E. D	92½
Alt. & T. H. 2d Pf	87	Tol., P. & W., W. D	88
Alt. & T. H. 2d Inc	73	Tol., P. & W., Bur. D	83⅞
Chi. & N. W. Con. bds	91	Tol., P. & W. 2d	76

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Aug. 11, 1873.

On yesterday forenoon 42 cars of horned Cattle reached Weehawken Yards, and these together with 26 other cars of same arrived the previous day. Sales were almost all sold off; trade was fair, prices ranged from 10¼c.@12¼c. ₱ lb., weights from 5½ cwt. to 9 cwt., on 55 lbs. to 58 lbs. to the cwt. net. On Sunday and Monday forenoons, at One Hundredth-street Yards, trade was fair for good quality Beeves, but slow for poor and coarse quality Steers. Prices ranged from 9c.@13½c. ₱ lb., weights from 5½ to 10 cwt., on 55 lbs. to 60 lbs. to the cwt., net. Only a few Milch Cows were sold; prices ranged from $50@$75 per head. Veals very dull, and only a few sales; prices from 8c.@8½c. ₱ lb.; grass Calves from $5@$7 50 ₱ head. Sheep and Lambs sold off fairly, generally, however in small lots; prices from 4¾c.@5¾c. ₱ lb. Sheep. Lambs from 7c.@9¼c. ₱ lb. Live Hogs nominal from 5¾c.@5¾c. ₱ lb.; City Dressed from 6¼c.@7½c. ₱ lb.

SALES.

B. Westheimer sold for self, 600 Steers, mixed Illinois and Indiana, from common to good, from 10¾c.@12½c. ₱ lb., weights from 6 cwt. to 9 cwt. J. and D. Waizel sold for selves, 111 Cherokee Steers at 9c. ₱ lb., weight 5½ cwt.; 291 Illinois Steers, common Cattle, from 10¾c.@11c. ₱ lb., a few of the best were allowed 11¼ ₱ head extra, weights from 5 cwt. to 7 cwt. H. Westheimer sold for self, 96 Cherokee Steers, at 9¾c. ₱ lb., weight 5¾ cwt.; for M. Butler 36 coarse Missouri Steers at 11c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt. S. Ilery sold for self 174 coarse but fat Kentucky Steers, from 11c.@11¼c.@11½c. ₱ lb., weights from 7¼ cwt. to 8 cwt. to 8¼ cwt. Westheimer & Co. sold for selves 18 dry Cows and common quality of Steers, at 10c. ₱ lb., weight 6½ cwt. Vail & Valentine sold for selves 54 Kentucky Steers, from common to good, from 10¾c.@11¾c.@12c. ₱ lb., weights from 6½ cwt. to 7½ cwt.; 95 common Illinois Steers, at 10c. ₱ lb., weight 6½ cwt. Burchard & Merritt sold for selves 80 good Kentucky Steers, from 12c.@13c. ₱ lb., weights from 7½ cwt., at 8c.@10c. T. C. Eastman sold for self 240 roughish Missouri Steers, from 10¼c.@12c. ₱ lb., weight 6½ cwt.; 73 Texan Steers at 9c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt. T. Gillis sold for self 121 good Illinois Steers, with a choice top, from 12¼c.@13c. ₱ lb., weights from 7¼ cwt. to 9 cwt. Williams & Son sold for selves 41 Illinois Steers, from common to fair, from 11c.@12c. ₱ lb., weights from 6 cwt. to 8 cwt. C. S. Glover sold for self 54 coarse fat Illinois Steers at 11¼c.@12c. ₱ lb., the top of same number, weights from 7½ cwt. to 8 cwt. S. Healy sold for self 71 common Illinois Steers at 11c. ₱ lb., weight 6½ cwt.; T. Wheeler sold for self 118 Illinois Steers, from common to fair, from 11c.@12c. ₱ lb., weights from 7½ cwt. to 7¾ cwt.; for Bedford & Kennedy, 97 common Kentucky Steers at 11¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7¼ cwt.; 47 good Kentucky Steers at 12½c. ₱ lb., weight 8½ cwt.; for W. Garner, 49 common Kentucky Steers at 11¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7½ cwt. W. Thompson sold for self 122 Illinois Steers, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@12½c. ₱ lb., weight 8½ cwt., scant; 81 common Ohio Steers at 11¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt. strong. Held on sale, 31 Kentucky Steers.

At Forty-eighth-street Sheep Market, T. Kirby sold 6 Lambs, weight 300 lbs., at 7c. ₱ lb.; 26 Lambs, weight 1,915 lbs., at 8¼c.

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, AUG. 12, 1873.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.—MINE—Mr. Dion Boucicault, Miss Katharine Rogers, Miss Effie Germon.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and evening.

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New-York appears to double its assessed valuation every fifteen years. At least that has been the rule, starting from 1841. Going thirty years further back, the increase was still more rapid. In 1811 New-York had fairly distanced Philadelphia in the number of its population, and started as the first City of the Union with a population of 96,000, and an assessed valuation of $25,000,000. By 1841 the population had nearly quadrupled, while the assessed valuation had increased tenfold, amounting then to $251,194,920. After an interval of fifteen years—in 1856—the population had all but exactly doubled, and the assessed valuation had doubled also—amounting then to $511,740,492. The next fifteen years added only fifty per cent. to the population, but doubled the valuation of real and personal property. In spite of sundry obvious obstacles to a steadily maintained rate of increase, it is not too much to anticipate that by 1886 the gross assessment of property on Manhattan Island will be over $2,000,000,000.

In the recent case, near Albany, another murder has proved too difficult for detective skill, and the crime remains a mystery even to the identity of the murdered man. The dress of the victim proves that he was not a common tramp, and it is strange that no one has been found to establish his identity. The absence of all valuables from the body, and the fact that the pockets had been turned out, indicates that if robbery was not the motive for the murder it had certainly followed it. In some respects the case is a singular one, as it is difficult to account for the unnecessary violence that was used. There is nothing to show that a struggle occurred between the victim and his assailant, but the body of the former was pierced with several bullet wounds, and a knife had also been used upon the throat. It is little creditable to the locality where the crime was committed that the pistol-shots were heard by several persons without any of them going to ascertain the cause of a thing so unusual. Had they done so, the murderer might have been apprehended at once, or at least a clue obtained which would lead to his arrest. The case is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and the crime is of such a brutal character that the Albany police should spare no effort to bring the murderer to justice. There is not much reason to hope that they will succeed in their efforts, however, as they seem to have begun operations by burying the body of the victim, and are depending upon the clothes alone to secure that identification which is the first essential in the case.

Mr. FITZJAMES STEPHEN is a well-known public man in England, whose career deserves to be studied as an example of what a resolute man may do for himself. He began as a writer in the *Saturday Review*, and was one of the ablest men on the original staff of that journal. He was a barrister, but was troubled with very few briefs. He took part, however, in one or two trials which made a stir at the time, and he left the *Saturday Review* because the editor would not adopt the line suggested in the famous book *Essays and Reviews*—too long a controversy to enter into here. After a time, Mr. STEPHEN went to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, to which paper he is still the chief contributor. Then he obtained the appointment of Legal Member of the Council of India—worth £6,000 a year. Since his return from India he has been aiming to get into Parliament—the stepping-stone to the highest legal positions under the Crown. He is now offering himself to the constituency of Dundee, and the "canny Scots" seem to be leading him rather a hard time of it. He was subjected to a process which they call in those parts "heckling"—and which seems to mean a course of badgering with rough questions. Mr. STEPHEN may fail in Dundee, but he is pretty sure to succeed somewhere else, and will at least try to become Lord Chief Justice of England before he dies. Perseverance and determination prevail against many difficulties in this world.

It appears that an effort will be made to bring TWEED to trial once more next month. Justice has been slow in overtaking this man, but it must not be supposed that he has escaped. The law's delays are often provoking, and in this case there are many peculiar difficulties in the way of obtaining a conviction. But the day of retribution will arrive, and the scandal which is undoubtedly involved in the temporary failure of justice will be removed. There must be some law under which a great public robber can be made to suffer the penalty of his crimes.

The Vienna Exhibition has decidedly outlived its interest, and can hardly leave any result more remarkable than its enormous financial deficit. There has been blundering and the usual Austrian "unreadiness," from the start. The elements have conspired against the show, and the hotel-keepers have ably seconded them. What both left to do, was effected by the appearance of cholera, and though the disease has left the city, so have the visitors to the exhibition. It now only remains to transform the big shed of glass and iron into the central feature of a pleasure garden, like its predecessor in London, and to write failure against the most recent of international shows. The Vienna experiment has many instructive lessons to our Philadelphia friends, who are now puzzling over the plans for the centennial show of 1876, and it is to be hoped the warning against killing the goose that lays the golden eggs will not be thrown away upon them.

VALUATION OF LOCAL PROPERTY.

The quarterly report of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments is an instructive and able production. Its figures are drawn up in an intelligible and businesslike way, and its reasoning, if not uniformly sound, is at least plausible and worthy of attention. It would possibly have been better had the new board committed itself less unreservedly to the honesty and impartiality of its predecessors. Two of the Commissioners sign the report simply by courtesy, since it refers to results which they had no share in bringing about. The report is really vouched for by Mr. ANDREWS alone; but though he was a member of the old board, he was too decidedly overweighted by CREAMER and SANDS and KING to render it at all necessary that he should consider his personal reputation bound up with those of his late colleagues. There is a very general public impression that instances of gross inequality, due to political and personal favoritism, can be found on the tax-books during the last few years. The impression may be wrong; but considering the hold which TWEED and SANDS held upon the majority of all the officials of the board, it would be very extraordinary if the general belief had not some foundation in fact.

We do not believe that on any reasonable standard, say sixty per cent. of its value on a fair sale, the real estate of this City is, as a whole, over-valued. On the contrary, there is evidence enough in the report before us, without going any further, that the increase in the gross valuation has not kept pace with the actual advance of prices. It will be observed that the estimated cost of new buildings put up, and of improvements on old ones effected during the last three years, more than accounts for the increase in the tax-rolls. It is absurd to pretend that the value of property above Grand-street has not undergone a considerable increase in value, altogether independent of improvements, between 1870 and 1873. Instead of the average increase in valuation for three years being a little over $31,000,000 per annum, it can hardly be doubted that as regulated by market values, it should have been at least double that amount. The cause of complaint lies in the fact that the increase, inadequate though it be, has not been evenly distributed. We are not sanguine enough to expect any valuable contributions toward an equalization of assessments from the Supervisors' Committee now in session. Mr. MCCAFFERTY and his colleagues have very hazy ideas about the nature of evidence, but are obviously quite firmly impressed with the necessity of posing for political effect. The new Board of Taxes and Assessments, whose labors will, for all practical purposes, only begin in September, may fairly assume that there are plenty of irregularities of assessment to be corrected throughout the City, but that an impartial and resolute discharge of their duties will result rather in a "leveling up" than in a "leveling down" of the gross valuation.

It is instructive to find that during the five years between 1866 and 1870 inclusive, the average increase in the assessed valuation of real estate was about sixty-three millions per annum, or just double the average which has obtained during the last three years. It will be observed that the rate of increase suddenly shrank on the valuation of 1871. This is also the first year in which the Ring fairly controlled the Tax Commission, having broken the pledge given to the Legislature of 1869, that the board should be strictly non-partisan, and having not only placed its creature SANDS on the board, but having also vested the appointment of a fifth commissioner in Controller CONNOLLY. It was on this year's valuation that the two per cent. tax levy was based. When our Municipal plunderers had their hands most deeply in the public treasury, it was clearly their interest to make special efforts to disarm suspicion. This they did most effectually, and with no little success, by checking the natural increase in assessed valuations, and by keeping the rate of taxation down to a point much below the actual requirements of public expenditures.

There are several minor points in the report which deserve attention. Among these is the large decrease, as compared with last year, of the number of plots or pieces of real estate on this island. In 1872 the number was 127,217; in 1873 it is 123,209—figures which show the steady tendency of New-York real estate to get into the hands of large capitalists. Another point is the large decrease in the valuation of personal property on this year's rolls. The reasons adduced for this are doubtless the true ones—the most potent probably being the apprehension of high taxes, which induced many to change the form of their investments to securities exempt from taxation. A more direct illustration of the influence which civic misgovernment has in driving capital practically out of the City, could hardly be produced.

WHAT IS THE "CUSTOM-HOUSE RING?"

This is a question which we have often asked, but to which no clear reply has ever yet been given us. We have heard a great deal of the existence of such a "Ring," and we should like very much to expose its misdoings if we could only find out what they were. We cannot even ascertain who are the members of the Ring. Is Gen. ARTHUR one of them—or Gen. SHARPE? Against the honesty of these gentlemen no one has dared to utter a word, and yet they have a good deal to do with the direction of affairs at the Custom-house. When we took a Ring in hand some time ago, we did not hesitate to mention the members of it by name. We called them by their right names, in more ways than one. But we cannot prevail upon the persons who attack what they call the Custom-house Ring to adopt this course. They know that if they once showed their hands it would be found that they were playing a game of bluff.

The other day, however, we really thought we were fairly on the track of the guilty Ring. The *Tribune* came out with a circumstantial account of the revival of a defeated "swindle." It appeared that certain persons were in a conspiracy to remove the present public stores to another locality. "The Custom-house Ring favored the project." The *Tribune* was in a frenzy—almost equal to that which caused it to cry out the other day for a "man rough, hairy, and way down." It called upon the merchants to defeat the scheme, and told them that if they did not they would "have to pay in increased costs of cartage a round sum annually for their apathy." This undoubtedly seemed a story worth inquiring into.

We found that the present public stores are owned by a man named AYER, a concoctor of some stuff which he calls Cherry Pectoral Syrup. What the effects of this syrup are upon the human frame, we cannot say, for we have never tried it—but it has clearly resulted in bringing grist to the mill of the said AYER. Now, why should the *Tribune* be so anxious to prevent the Government giving up the lease of AYER'S building? Because AYER is a proprietor of the *Tribune*, and money is very necessary in that establishment just now. JAY GOULD cannot be expected to pour in a fresh supply every day, and certainly the paper is not in a flourishing condition. Is it not a fact that it has declared no dividend for more than a twelvemonth passed? If "Dr." AYER loses his present very profitable bargain with the Government, it might be made very unpleasant for the present managers of his paper. But *is* it a profitable bargain?

On that point there does not appear to be much room for doubt. He rented eight stores which were worth about $3,000 a year each—$24,000 in all. He managed to get rid of them for $66,000 a year—a neat little profit. This was done in Mr. GRINNELL'S day. The syrup vender liked this so well that he planned a little movement by which he was to rent two other stores for about $8,000 a year, and sublet them to the Government for $18,000. This project was frustrated by Mr. MURPHY while he was Collector—hence partly arises the hatred of AYER and his paper toward that much-abused gentleman. The stores are old, ricketty, and badly situated—and that was a very strange fire that happened in them the other day. They produce an estimated profit of about $40,000 a year to "Dr." AYER. Whenever it is proposed to remove the business, Dr. AYER'S organ cries out "fraud," and pathetically calls upon the merchants to defeat it. What it means is, "Dr. AYER is one of our proprietors; he derives an enormous profit from the rental of these stores. We cannot afford to have him lose that profit. Seeing that we are so much interested in it, we ought, in common decency, to hold our tongues on the subject—but that we must not do, for obvious reasons. We beseech you, then, to stick to our friend Cherry Pectoral, and his tumble-down old stores. And if anybody offers to leave them, we will call him a swindler."

Whether there is swindling in the transaction or not, we do not venture to say. The *Tribune* says there is. Well, if so, who is the swindler? We cannot take the responsibility of answering that question.

PERSONAL LIBERTY.

Much was expected of the mass convention of Germans calling themselves the "American Constitutional Union," held in Milwaukee, Wis., last week, but it is not probable that the results of this gathering will have any decided effect upon public opinion. The speech of the gentleman who welcomed the self-appointed delegates, the platform which was adopted, and the expressions which marked the closing moments of the convention, were altogether too intemperate to take any firm hold on the public mind. Most sensible people will agree with these delegates "that temperance is a virtue which cannot be promoted by legislation," but very few will for that reason admit that those who believe otherwise are fanatics bent upon mischief, who should be crushed by organized public action. It is well enough for those who hold that such legislation is vicious and useless, to do what they can to prevent it; but it does not become them to do so in a vindictive spirit, nor to deny to others that personal liberty which they claim for themselves.

It is, however, in their arraignment of the Republican Party that these Germans are most open to criticism. They could hardly have believed the fustian they put into their preamble, for they could not point to a single public act of the party which would support their charges. They have no proof that the Republican Party has changed its character from an organization for patriotic purposes to "an engine in the hands of a selfish few to retain power and position to themselves." They declare that "corruption is manifest in all branches of the Government," and would have us infer that the Republican Party is responsible for this state of things. There are no facts to prove the assertion. Corruption is not manifest in all branches of the Government, nor in any, for the simple reason that whenever and wherever it has appeared the Republican Party has rooted it out. These Germans, however, go further and say that "the national domain and resources are voted to political parasites and mighty corporations whose overwhelming and constantly increasing power is giving just cause for alarm." Where is the political parasite who has been thus favored? If they have him in Wisconsin they must have hidden him in some remote wilderness where he has remained unknown to the world. As for the "mighty corporations," the charge is one that has become familiar of late. It refers, doubtless, to the land grants to railroads, which were popular enough when they were made. Because of these grants, Wisconsin with all the West has been more developed in a decade than it would otherwise have been in a century. To attain a great and beneficent end the Republican Party, years ago, granted wild lands to help build railroads, and thereby vastly increased the riches of the country. Since the railroads have been completed, and much more than the expected benefits realized, it has become fashionable to denounce the party for doing what the people have repeatedly approved. It ill becomes the Germans of the West, who owe so much to this policy of the Republican Party, to join in a cry so unjust and so senseless.

Vituperation is always the readiest, as it is the least effective, weapon in political warfare. It was evidently the purpose of the managers of the Milwaukee Convention, under cover of a movement against temperance legislation, to make a general war upon the Republican Party in their State. In so doing, they should have remembered the fate of the Liberals last year, and sought for something better than exploded slanders to support them in their position. The Greeleyites could give them valuable advice on this subject. Having indulged in these slanders in their preamble, the Germans can expect little benefit from the fact that their succeeding platform contains nothing exceptionable. There is nothing in it that the Republican Party has not only professed but practiced. Indeed, but for the fact that the Republican Party has ruled this nation for the last thirteen years, the Germans of Wisconsin would not have been able to promulgate the principles they did the other day. But their great grievance, and the chief crime of the Republican Party in their view, is the curtailment of personal liberty. On this point they resolve to this effect:

"Freedom of industry and freedom of trade are essential elements of a republican form of government. Therefore, while we deeply deplore the evils of habitual and excessive drinking, as well as intemperate habits and excess in any other mode of life, and while we are ready and willing to use all reasonable means to eradicate them, we earnestly oppose all laws which, under the pretense of police regulations, or of remedying moral evils, interfere with the inherent rights and fundamental privileges of American citizens, as guaranteed by our Constitution."

There is no Republican who will not indorse this resolution. Republicans have constantly acted in its spirit. There have been, and may be, differences of opinion as to what are "reasonable means" to eradicate these evils, but so, doubtless, there are among the Germans themselves. No race is more law-abiding, more ready to surrender crotchets for the general good, and we believe that outside of this convention there are few Germans who will not admit that the course of the Republican Party on this question has been considerate and just. Even those who met in Milwaukee, cite nothing to the contrary, and the whole tenor of their proceedings shows that this cry of "personal liberty," has been used as a cover to open the Democratic campaign in Wisconsin. The people will readily see through the trick, and none more quickly than the masses of the honest Germans of the State, who have done so much for the cause of true liberty in the ranks of the Republican Party. It is true the convention declared that it was in the interest of no party, but its words count for nothing against its manifest spirit. It is not likely that the Republican State Convention which meets in Madison on the 27th inst., will be beguiled from its duty by this Milwaukee gathering, nor that a contrivance so clumsy will have any share in deciding the result of the political contest which is about to commence in the State.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

The *Kindergarten Messenger* is a monthly journal of twenty-four pages, edited by Miss ELIZABETH P. PEABODY, of Cambridge, Mass., and published for the information and instruction of teachers and parents who may desire to know something of that blessing to childhood, FROEBEL'S Kindergarten.

The Kindergarten is a method of caring for, developing, and instructing little children between the ages of three and eight years, invented or found out by the great German pedagogue, FRIEDRICH FROEBEL, and which is by the most intelligent teachers—indeed, we believe, by all who have any knowlege of it—regarded as a step in education as important to the happiness and development of little children, and their preparation for the more enlightened education of these days, as the telegraph and railroad are to the convenience and successful prosecution of modern commerce.

FROEBEL, a man of large benevolence and peculiar genius as an instructor, lived at a time when the doctrines of the great Swiss teacher, PESTALOZZI, had produced a strong effect upon the scholastic mind of Europe; and availing himself of the light thus derived, he studied specifically the nature and operations of the child's mind, in order to devise means of occupying profitably its energies and attention during those early years in which, while it has not yet the power to assimilate instruction given in the ordinary form, it still has an insatiable curiosity for knowledge. We do not propose to give a detailed explanation of FROEBEL'S system, but only to say that it keeps the child from books, places him in the hands of an intelligent and loving teacher, whose duty and object it is to repress nothing in the child, but to guide and direct all its energies, so that every movement of play shall be, both physically and morally, also a movement of discipline and development. For this purpose, FROEBEL puts into the hands of the teacher a series of inventions made by himself, consisting of building blocks, material for braiding, embroidery, and platting, clay for modeling figures, &c., &c. With these the child is taught to play in such a manner as to become during those early years practically acquainted with all geometrical forms, their lines, angles, planes, and faces, and with many mechanical and scientific facts and principles, while it also acquires manual facility and skill, with judgment in the use of material for the production of all forms of use and beauty. The child, through all this discipline and development, is conscious only of playing with most delightful toys. The teacher plays with the child—not in a purposeless, hap-hazard way, but by a series of carefully-devised exercises, all of which tend to lead the child as it plays also to observe and reflect upon the things which are offered to its observation. Plays of a certain kind are accompanied by music, and this most soothing and agreeable agency might perhaps be called the foundation of the Kindergarten. Books are entirely withheld from the child, and all its operations of mind are left to be free and voluntary. It undergoes no drudgery, but is led to ask questions and derive instruction by the presentation to its mind of interesting objects concerning which the teacher, having prepared herself beforehand, is full of requisite information. Whoever has observed his own mental operations knows that knowledge is acquired with vastly greater ease and effect when the mind is seeking specific information about some concrete thing. This is more true of children than adults—indeed the child learns in no other way at first. The object of the Kindergarten is more to form and open the mind of childhood than to fill it. It is called Kindergarten by FROEBEL, for a somewhat whimsical and yet perfectly just reason, that it treats the little child as the wise gardener treats the plant—bringing to its aid everything that can promote growth, and requiring nothing from it which is not natural to its immature state.

FROEBEL has been dead now something like twenty years, and the Kindergarten in Germany has at last acquired a firm foothold, having suffered there, as it probably will suffer here for a time, from the injudicious enthusiasm of new converts, who undertook to teach it before they knew it. The great want here is of competent and thoroughly-trained teachers, and this can only be cured by the establishment of normal classes where teachers may be prepared. It is understood that a course of not less than six months is absolutely necessary to prepare even the most intelligent lady as a teacher for the Kindergarten; for while the routine of the school is a connected and delightful play for the child, it is serious and exhaustive work for the teacher. She must not only have a clear mind, a great love for children, and power to comprehend their intellectual operations, but she must also have a good knowledge of the principles as well as the technical details of FROEBEL'S system. She should possess a fair acquaintance with natural history and science, and have the instinct of an artist. These plays and occupations or disciplining exercises by which she educates her pupil, are so related to each other that a knowledge of them constitutes a profession.

To inform teachers and others who may be interested where and how this knowledge may be obtained, and to call public attention to this beneficent system, is the object of the little *Kindergarten Messenger*, and of the unpaid and benevolent labors of its editor. We trust the little journal may really benefit the cause which it serves. The records of the National Educational Convention, just held at Elmira, give evidence that the best teachers look to the *Kindergarten* for a great reform in juvenile education.

PUNISHMENT OF WITNESSES.

There are many obvious reasons why the long delays usual here in the settlement of murder cases should be considered prejudicial to the cause of justice and morality. There is another reason less apparent, but furnishing, perhaps, the most powerful argument of any against that dilatory system which robs punishment of half its terrors by taking from it its certainty and promptness. We have ancient and venerable authority for believing that it is better that ninety-nine guilty should escape than that one innocent should suffer. Yet by the construction, or rather by the imperfect administration of our law, it not seldom happens in order that one guilty person may meet his ultimate deserts, half a dozen innocent ones are condemned to suffer equally with him the severest punishment short of death known to our law—restraint of personal liberty. Sometimes it even happens that these innocent victims may see themselves imprisoned while the guilty culprit goes free, a paradox which to untutored minds, unable to grasp the mysteries of the law, must seem like the grimmest possible satire on justice.

In the Stokes case, if this more cruel anomaly has not been presented, the real hardship of the system is quite as painfully exemplified. The other day a motion was made before Judge PRATT for the discharge of the three boys who are the principal witnesses for the prosecution. Since the murder of FISK, more than a year and a half ago, these lads have been locked up in the House of Detention. It seems a little while to those who have spent it in the full enjoyment of freedom, and whose days, in the pursuit of business or pleasure, have slipped away so swiftly. But time behind prison doors is a very different affair. There the hours are leaden-footed, and ignominy and innocence suffer pretty much alike. Besides, these witnesses, who not only have committed no crime, but who are rendering to society the invaluable service of helping to convict and punish crime, are made to suffer in a hundred ways as much as the vilest criminal. They are deprived of the consolations of domestic intercourse, which even the humblest may have and appreciate; they are forced to lose their time, and to sacrifice the earnings it represents; worst of all, they are in danger of contracting that moral taint which generally comes from protracted idleness. And not only they, but all connected with them, suffer in as many various ways, and may for years to come feel the ill-effects of this misfortune.

We put the case strongly, more strongly perhaps than the facts in the present instance would justify. But the principle is the same, and it is readily supposable that as the law stands, all and more than the wrong and evil we have suggested might be inflicted by a prolonged confinement in the House of Detention. To STOKES' witnesses sufficient wrong appears to have been done, in a deprivation of freedom which has already lasted for eighteen months, and by the decision of the Court bids fair to endure for an indefinite period longer. The Judge, in denying the motion for a discharge, admitted the hardship of the case, but held that the law left him no option. Clearly he was right, and the Stokes case is besides an exceptional one—so far as the future is concerned, we trust it will prove so. But it will be well for the next Legislature to inquire how far the law which authorizes this grave injustice is right or necessary.

But in the meantime—and this is the moral of the whole business—let us have done with these shameful delays which screen the guilty, oppress the innocent, and are almost as gross an outrage on society as murder itself, which, indeed, they serve to perpetuate and encourage. When the air of the condemned cell becomes less conducive to longevity the House of Detention will have less the aspect of a prison.

AMUSEMENTS.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.

The Fall and Winter season at the Union-square Theatre was entered upon last evening. The pretty and commodious house, which is as bright as when first occupied by the public, was crowded in every part, and that portion of the performance of which most was expected passed off with great success. The intense stupidity of the larger half of the representation warrants us in thus particularizing. Few duller pieces have been represented of late years than the one selected as a preface to the rentrée of the Vokes. "Old Phil's Birthday" is the story of *Phil Stapleton*, an aged porter, whose son is accused of robbing *Mr. Hardress*, the employer of both. In reality, *Lionel Hardress*, the son of *Phil's* employer, has committed the theft, but the father and *Frank Stapleton* are content to rest under the charge rather than denounce the culprit; and, in fact, when, at the close of the drama, it is ascertained that *Frank* is guiltless, *Phil* actually takes himself with the misdeed in preference to putting *Lionel* to shame. As a one-act piece, with a highly impossible plot, "Old Phil's Birthday" might not be seriously objected to. But its two acts, last night, required about two hours and a half for their recital, and the silliness of the play provoked expressions of impatience, which culminated in evidences of disapproval when the curtain fell. It must be admitted that some good acting was done in "Old Phil's Birthday." Mr. F. F. Mackay's portraiture of *Phil* was a careful and touching effort, though not so elaborate or finished a specimen of work as he has offered; and Miss Meta Bartlett, a blonde and pretty *débutante*, produced a very favorable impression in one of the feminine *rôles*. The other characters were assigned to Miss Lulu Prior and to Mr. Claude Burroughs, who personated *Frank* with reasonable power; and there was drawn a very comical picture of *Lionel* by Mr. John Burnett, the spectacle of whose tremendous guilt and woe elicited unanimous and welcome hilarity from a weary assemblage. The aspect of affairs was happily changed from the outset of the afterpiece. The Vokes Family have long since proven themselves capable of diffusing unlimited mirth by their peculiar entertainments, and, in "Fun in a Fog," they fairly surpass in effectiveness all previous labors. The scene is laid aboard a yacht, and the laughable adventures of *Percival Postlethwaite*, an English landsman, and of *Dan*, his cockney valet, are the subject of portrayal. The two men, of course, suffer dreadfully from that sickness for which there is no remedy, and until they get their sea-legs on, the feats of ground and lofty tumbling are numberless and really marvelous. Finally, the yacht is becalmed. At this stage of proceedings the unlucky travelers might have some rest but for the freaks of the three mad maidens, who are respectively their guests and the guests' domestic. *Grace Gaybird* and *Ella Hamilton* are *Percival's* American cousins. After alarming the yachtsman and his valet with Indian tales, one of them and the maid assume the garb of the dreaded savages and succeed in literally frightening them out of their wits. There is a vast deal of house-play in "Fun in a Fog," and sufficient singing and dancing to furnish fresh proof of the cleverness of Messrs. Fred. and Fawdon and Misses Victoria, Jessie and Rosina Vokes. The laughter throughout was loud and continuous, and, after every song and step had been redemanded, Mr. Fred. Vokes was constrained to reappear and make a brief speech to the delighted spectators. Of the setting of the two works it is not necessary to say much, but it is simple justice to note that nothing more beautiful and perfect could be wished. Mr. Tissington, a conductor who has taste as well as experience, is at his post of duty this season as before, and the officers of the house, if we mistake not, are the same as in the past. Last evening's bill is not to be modified until further notice, and, in point of magnitude, we doubt if for many weeks there will be any perceptible difference in the audiences which its attractiveness will gather.

THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have a few questions pertaining to the history and management of the Long Island Railroad, having no reference, however, to any unpleasantness existing between you and the would-be autocrat of all the island, that I wish to submit, through your circulating medium, to its managers and all whom they may concern.

And first, I would inquire, What has given such, comparatively, sudden value to the tract of flat country nearest New-York, through which the Central Railroad of New-Jersey passes? Is it anything but superior railroad accommodations? The public will say no, if you do not. Well, if railroad accommodations can do so much for such a country, what might they not do for the beautiful bay shores, headlands, and villa sites of poor, neglected Long Island?

What do you suppose would have been the population of the island to-day if, when you first got control of the road, you had laid a double track as far as Yaphank, with single-track branches to the principal villages, and then had run real express-trains, with a view to accommodating the business men of New-York? And how many competing lines of railroad do you think there would have been on the island to-day?

Is there not a valley running toward the north, from Farmingdale nearly to Huntington, through which a road could have been built at much less cost, and far greater safety than the snake's path you have built over the highest hills and deepest valleys of the island, and that seems to run "nowhere in particular, but everywhere in general?"

Was it the delirium of a too sudden waking from a kind of Rip Van Winkle sleep, that induced you to build a Rockaway branch road after the live managers of one or two other roads had secured the travel? Why do you not now fully wake up to a common-sense view of the situation and strike to retrieve your stupid failures beyond the immediate reach of competing roads, instead of following on behind, like a humble gleaner, or "with here and there a traveler," in the futile attempt to regain a lost opportunity?

Perhaps the "slumber's chain" that has so long bound you has not yet been shaken off, and you may be dreaming of annexing the New-England States to Long Island! Or, getting an idea from those ancient rams-horns, you may be trying the power of steam-whistles to call the people over to enjoy the pleasures incident to a single track and a solitary steamer, seeing they have only good double-tracks, with elegant palace-cars, on the other side!

An ancient writer has said something about providing for your own household, &c. Did you ever hear of it? And the people of Long Island, or at least the temporary victims of your economy, think you had better "read up" a little on that subject before you send out too many invitations or call too loudly for their Yankee neighbors; not that they have any objections to inviting them over, but they do object to an inhospitable entertainment for them if they should come.

And now, while we are treating on practical subjects, let me ask how much more would it cost to divide your 4 o'clock express train (!) of twelve or fourteen cars and—part of the way—two locomotives into separate trains; and let one—the through train—be a real express to the Manor, or Sag Harbor Branch, and the other a Yaphank express, or accommodation train. (What's in a name?) Even if it did cost a little more, would not the increased travel, incited by the reduction of at least one hour's time to the "east end," make it pay well ultimately? Again is it good management to stop the aforesaid express train of twelve or fourteen heavily laden cars, and run them back and forth for some minutes in order to attach even the Rockaway express of two cars and a score or less of passengers within a quarter of a mile of a principal depot? Would the "wear and tear" of the rolling stock be greater for this Rockaway express to follow on for the quarter of a mile and be attached to the through train at Jamaica than it would for the large train to "back and fill" at the junction, merely for the sake of using the new turn-table?

Therefore with united voice they say, go to work. Lay a double track and let it reach the East River by the shortest possible route, even though it be through the old $200,000 tunnel of Atlantic-street, we imagine the people there have seen their folly and repented of it ere this—anywhere to avoid the petroleum and filth of Hunter's Point and Jamaica-lip. Then provide a passenger-boat of the Sylvan order and not an ark for all kinds of cattle, and let it be run as if you "meant business," making three or four landings on New-York side, regarding first the convenience of business men. And finally bear in mind this fact, that as a whole the business men of New-York like noble, generous dealing, and abominate meanness. A TEMPORARY VICTIM.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Aug. 7, 1873.

THE YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION.

OFFICIAL ADVICES FROM THE COMMANDANT—PROGRESS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—A letter has been received at the War Department from Col. D. S. Stanley, commanding the Yellowstone expedition, dated Camp No. 26, west bank of the Yellowstone, July 28.

The engineers had connected with the line run from Bismarck in 1871, at Sully's crossing, on the Heart River. The command reached the Yellowstone on the 15th of July, the average march being only twelve and a half miles per day on account of the heavy cuttings and bridges which had to be made. Gen. Custer reached the mouth of Glendive's Creek on the same day with one squadron of cavalry, but as that place was inaccessible to a wagon-train, and the site selected for a depot was commanded by all the neighboring heights, the depot was removed to a point about fifteen miles above Glendive's Creek, where a strong stockade was erected, and Capt. E. P. Pearson left in charge with Company B, of the Seventeenth Infantry, and Companies H and L of the Seventh Cavalry. The steamer Key West was found at Glendive's Creek, and had she not been there the command would have been detained, as the river could not have been crossed at its present stage without her in less than a month. The Josephine had not been heard from. He says the Yellowstone is a more difficult river to cross than the Missouri, owing to its superior swiftness. Only forty days' forage could be carried on the Musselshell trip, and the chief engineer expressed the opinion that sixty days would be required to do the work. Some difficulty has been encountered in the transportation of forage and rations, as the mules had fallen off and were too heavily loaded. He says: "I had contemplated going direct from this point to the great bend of the Musselshell River, to get over the dry divide as early as possible in the season, but the engineers from the reconnoissance seem to doubt the feasibility of any railroad route in that direction, and I deem it best to go as quickly as possible to Pompey's Pillar, thence by Baker's route to the Musselshell, and if no route exist east of the bend of the Musselshell we will return to this place by the middle of September or the 20th at the farthest, even if we run a survey back. Some difficulty had been experienced in ferrying, the scows being unsuitable, and not to be compared with pontoon bridges. There has been one death on the march, Daniel Malloy, a teamster, who was killed by a wagon running over him. The health of the command is reasonably good. About twenty are sick. A Catholic priest, Rev. Father Summerhansen, came to this camp yesterday, having made the journey alone in six days from Fort Rice. He brought a small mail. From him I learned that the Josephine has not passed Fort Rice on the 19th of July.

Supplies have been forwarded to last the expedition till the 1st of November. Lieut. Thorne, commanding the steamers on the expedition, reports that on the 27th of June the Peninah, in rounding a bend, was carried down a shute and run aground. Her entire cargo had to be taken off before she could be got afloat. Shortly afterward she was carried down another shute and her wheel badly broken. On his downward trip to Fort Buford he met the steamer Josephine in the Yellowstone on the 23th of July, about sixty miles above Buford.

THE GORDON CASE.

GOV. AUSTIN AND MAYOR BRACKETT VISIT SECRETARY FISH—PRESENT ASPECT OF THE CASE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Gov. Austin, of Minnesota, and Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, arrived from Long Branch this morning, and had a long interview during the day with Secretary Fish, to whom they had been referred by the President. These gentlemen laid before the Secretary further details of the Manitobian affair, which show the conduct of the authorities of that province to have been even more harsh than has been heretofore stated. Mayor Brackett has recently returned from Fort Garry, and is in possession of the latest state of the case. The four men—two as principals and two as accomplices—are held without bail, while the money of one who is held on more suspicion of being an accomplice, has been allowed to be attached by Gordon to the extent of $36,000. These funds had been collected in Manitoba by their owner for debts due on lumber contracts. It is proper to add that Messrs. Austin and Brackett received earnest assurances that this Government would use every possible means to secure the release of the prisoners now held, but they were also reminded of the fact, which they fully appreciate, that the case affords no ground at present for official interposition. The prisoners are held on a charge of felony. By Canadian law, this is a bailable offense in the discretion of the court, and the Judge having harshly decided not to bail them, there is no power in the political Government of Canada which can compel their release, any more than the President of the United States can order a Single or United States Judge to release a prisoner held by process of law. The fact that these prisoners have been subjected to a vindictive prosecution by the Attorney General of Manitoba, and that the behavior of the Manitobians has been insolent in the extreme does not give ground for official interposition, however it may complicate the case and exasperate the Minnesotians. Nevertheless, very strong influences are at work to secure a modification of the action of the Manitoba authorities, and the early release of the prisoners is probable. Mayor Brackett to-day received a dispatch confirming the flight of Gordon, as reported in this morning's dispatches.

HIS LORDSHIP'S LAWYER ANXIOUS ABOUT HIS FEES—SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF HIS CLIENT FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 11.—A special dispatch to the *Tribune*, yesterday, from Fort Garry, says: "A few evenings ago Mr. Cornish, Lord Gordon's counsel, accompanied by other gentlemen, waited upon his lordship regarding pecuniary matters. The latter demanded a reason for so untimely a visit. After an explanation he became engaged in an excited altercation with the counsel, each expressing his opinion of the other, which, to say the least, was not flattering to either. His lordship shortly after called his servant to advise Mr. Cornish to make his exit. The latter heeded the advice, but called again the next morning to renew his claim for some security for his anticipated fee as counsel, but found his bird had flown. Upon inquiry it was found that Gordon was well on his way to the Rocky Mountains. A party arriving from the West to-day report having seen him 200 miles westward."

FORT GARRY, Aug. 11.—Gordon has suddenly disappeared. It is said he has gone to the Rocky Mountains or British Columbia. A party just arrived report having met him with a large escort about 100 miles west of here.

COURTESY TO CONSUL TAYLOR—A PUMPTIOUS CANADIAN OFFICIAL.

HOW RAILROADS ARE BUILT.

It is probable that but few of those who travel over the country by rail give a single thought, as they are whirled rapidly onward, to the process by which the road over which they are so smoothly rolling was brought into existence. Like most other common things, they regard it as a matter of course, or, at best, have a kind of vague idea that it is in some way a "triumph of engineering skill," but how or where the skill came in they are, for the most part, profoundly ignorant, not to say indifferent.

To trace the rise and progress of a railroad, from its first inception—perhaps in the head of some casual lounger around the stove of a country store—to its actual consummation, would, if done by a competent hand, give a more perfect insight into the genius of the nineteenth century, and the goal toward which civilization has so far tended, than could possibly be gained by the most profound study of the pages of Buckle. Until such hands are found to execute the task in this way, and to this end, we will offer the following slight sketch of the way railroads are built in this country:

The moving causes for building railroads in this country are for the most part precisely the reverse of those which lead to their construction in Europe. In Europe they are built to satisfy existing requirements for increased means of communication. They are built to meet the wants of thickly-settled districts. In this country, this is but one, and a minor one, of their offices. Their characteristic office here is to create such districts in places where none exist. They are causes with us, not effects. The brightest dream of the American patriot, irrespective of political creed, is to "open up" some portion of the wilderness of which the great area of his country is composed, and to do this he looks, and rightly, to the railroad as his principal aid. It must be confessed that the poetry of the railroad, as the willing coadjutor of human aspiration, belongs to America, in common with all new countries, rather than to Europe, where it is merely an inevitable sequence of an actual, achieved status.

The idea of a new railroad being safely brought forth in the brain of our bummer, he loses no opportunity of introducing it to the notice of whatever public he may be able to command. He may even go the length of causing the insertion of a communication signed "Progress," in the local sheet, in which communistic enthusiasm and grammar wrestle together through half a column of misprints. If he succeed in arousing public attention, the matter passes out of the bummer's hands, of whom nothing more is heard, it being characteristic of the bummer of all ages to be quite unable to ride the storm he has fortuitously succeeded in raising.

At this stage of the proceedings a public meeting is probably called. This is generally the crisis of the project. If, in the said meeting, there be no one present possessed of the heroic quality of "putting things through," the net upshot is a vast amount of vague generalisation, in which the most practical feature is a warm recommendation to "go in" for the road, coupled with a hope that everybody will see their best interests sufficiently to invest large sums of money in stock. Let us suppose the favorable case, however, that the shaft of the spear finds a suitable head, that under the direction of this head a temporary organization is at once formed, that other meetings are held along the line of the proposed road, that enthusiasm is inspired, that a charter is obtained, that money is pledged, and an election of officers of the new road held. No matter how the project is originated, whether by bummer or capitalist, to the above complexion it must at last come, if it is going to succeed.

The next thing to be done is to ascertain over what line of country the road should be located, and what it will cost to build. It is at this point that the "engineering skill," afterward to culminate in a "triumph," first steps in. The consideration which mainly determines the location of a road is grade. That is to say steepness of its ascent or descent. As railroads are at present operated, it is found highly desirable not to exceed a certain steepness of grade—say fifty feet to the mile. Beyond this the cost of operating the road is greatly increased, and its carrying capacity greatly diminished. Now, as a general thing, it will be found that the country intervening between any two distant points is considerably diversified and broken up by hills, valleys, rivers, rocks, and other accidents of nature, so that it is impossible to run a straight line from point to point without encountering obstacles quite insurmountable to a "fifty-foot grade," or even a much steeper one, without submitting to enormous "cuttings" and "fillings," and the building of many tunnels and bridges. All these things involve great expense, and the days are passed when an engineer was thought to show his skill more in surmounting natural obstacles by expensive works of art than in avoiding them by a judicious location.

A chief engineer being selected, it becomes his duty to ascertain the best line for the location of the road, regard had to the greatest economy. The road must thread the country, crossing the hills at the lowest points, and the streams where narrowest. Rocks, involving heavy cuts or tunnels, must be avoided, as also places where the road would be of difficult maintenance. At the same time the line must not be taken too much out of the way in shunning these localities, or increase of distance ("track" costing in the neighborhood of $10,000 per mile,) may more than counterbalance the saving in works of art. It would seem at first as if the engineer would have to grope his way entirely in the dark in selecting his line, and that nothing short of inspiration or instinct could lead him directly to the best line of country. However, a practical knowledge of physical geography teaches us that there are some almost immutable principles which guide us to those localities where we are sure to encounter the fewest obstacles in the way of hills. The water-courses of a country always indicate the lines of most uniform grade, and the points of lowest elevation. Water always seeks the lowest points, and it is obvious that a river cannot run over the top of a hill. Streams are the locating engineer's best guide, and to them his glance is first bent. If the points to be connected are situated on the same bank of a river, there is generally very little doubt as to the proper location of the road joining them. Sometimes, however, the bank of the stream presents rocky promontories, jutting into the water, with deep indentations, or bays, between them. In such a case it is often necessary to carry the line back from the river, but, as a rule the location of the road would be upon its bank. So much are water-courses a guide, that an engineer can nearly always pick out the general line of his road on a map, showing the rivers and tributary streams of a country. If on such a map he sees that his line is to run in the same direction as the principal water-courses, he will expect to find light work in building his road. If, however, he sees that it runs across the general direction of the main streams, he looks for a great deal of trouble in the location of his line, and very heavy work, comparatively, at the best, for he must then traverse the intervening ridges, which form the natural divisions between the streams. His only chance in this case is to follow the main tributaries of the streams, which run, more or less, in the direction he wishes to go, but which follow a steeper descent, always, than the streams which they feed, and involve, consequently, steeper grades for the road. If the railroad map of any country be examined, it will be seen how closely the lines follow the water-courses.

These indications, are, however, only general, and the ground over which the road is to pass has to be minutely examined in detail. In the first place, the chief engineer makes a preliminary survey, or reconnoisance of the whole ground, generally on horseback. He provides himself with the best map he can find of the country, and avails himself of what local information he can obtain as to gaps in the hills, low points in dividing ridges, &c. This is a part of the profession which cannot be learned from books, nor in any way be reduced to a formularized science. It depends on practice, experience, and, above all, a kind of heaven-born instinct or genius. In fact, as our engineer represents a type of peculiarly gifted beings, it may be as well to here rapidly sketch his portrait. He is a man eminently endowed with the intuitive faculties, who feels the right thing to do, rather than painfully evolves it. He is possessed, in fact, of a certain professional conscience which whispers in his ear what he is to do, without always telling why. He is quick, resolute, determined, and possesses great confidence in himself, and is consequently, generally speaking, rather conceited. Candor compels us to add, that he almost invariably drinks, not necessarily to excess, but tolerably hard. This arises from two causes. The constantly harassing nature of his duties, involving incessant calls upon his vitality, and the quick, practical turn of his mind, which leads him to apply unquestioningly an immediately efficacious and always handy remedy for a pressing want. He also generally chews and smokes for similar reasons. After this statement one word to the younger members of his corps. The weaknesses of men in high positions are more easily imitated than their great qualities, and are, moreover, apt to be looked upon as causes contributing to their elevation. Let the young engineer, however, rest assured that were he to drink himself drunk every night, and smoke and chew himself to a skeleton, he would not thereby insure his early promotion to a chief engineership, unless he exhibited also qualities which are more usually looked upon as qualifications for the office.

This preliminary survey made and the probable general location of the line selected, the next step is the organization of an engineer corps to "try the line" by critical instrumental tests, for however skillful the chief engineer may be, he can never tell without such tests whether the ground is really what he supposes it to be. The object is to get the profile and alignment of the route. The profile is a vertical section of the line, showing the ups and downs, or differences of level of its various points; and the alignment is a plan or map showing the deviations of the route from a straight line, and its length.

An engineer corps, for location, consists of an assistant engineer, reporting directly to the chief, a transit man, leveler, rodsman, two chainmen, one or two flagmen, and a gang of axmen. If operating in a sparsely-settled country, where camping becomes necessary, there are, besides, a cook, or commissary, teamster, and, generally, one or two boys, who, in the intervals of skylarking, are supposed to make themselves generally useful. Work is conducted in this way: The principal assistant has charge of the whole party, and, in a difficult country, keeps well ahead to select proper ground for the line, communicating constantly with his transit man as to the direction he should take. The line being started in favorable ground, is continued in a straight line as long as circumstances permit. Stakes are driven every 100 feet, and numbered consecutively from 1 upward. The transit man, looking through the telescope of his instrument, takes care that these stakes are driven very accurately in line. When, from the nature of the ground, it becomes impossible to continue the straight line any further, a deviation is made to the right or left to reach better ground, the transit man noting the number of the station at which the deviation is made, and also the degrees and minutes of the "deflection angle" which the line as deviated makes with its original direction. These data enable the draughtsman to prepare the alignment or plan of the route.

In a preliminary survey, however, the "levels" are the most important points. These are taken by the leveler and his rodsman. These two operators follow the transit man, and ascertain the difference of level of each station, as the stakes mentioned above are called. This difference of level is taken in reference to an imaginary line, passing under the surface of the ground, and called the datum. From the entries in the level-book, the profile is plotted. It is quite evident that if the profile were drawn upon any but a very large scale, small differences of level, of a few feet, for instance, would be quite indiscernible, while a scale, sufficiently large to render these differences perceptible, would give an enormous length to the profile of a line, perhaps many miles long. The difficulty is got over by the use of what is called "profile paper," by which the profile is plotted on two different scales, one for the horizontal measurements, and one, very much larger, for the vertical distances. This gives a very distorted plotting of the profile, making small elevations look like positive Alps, and rendering differences of level of only half a foot quite apparent. It is veritably making mountains out of mole hills.

This profile gives the engineer an exact representation of the obstacles he has to encounter in building his road. It shows him exactly what cuts and fills he will have to make in running the given grade over that line. It is very seldom that the preliminary line thus run is found to answer the requirements of a permanent location. It almost always involves heavier cuts and fills than would be found by deviating certain portions of it to the right or left. In a difficult country, or one where the leading lines are not clearly indicated, it is often necessary to run several separate trial lines before one is found which the engineer is willing to accept as the best obtainable. Fifty miles of trial line to secure ten of location is by no means an uncommon proportion.

In running these trial lines much rough work is encountered. You have to go where the line takes you, and that is frequently through swamps where the quaking tussocks will scarcely keep your weight above the deep muck, let alone afford secure support to the instruments, and where you find yourself surrounded by poisonous vines, one touch of which would cause large itching blotches to appear over your body; through tangled underbrush where your ear is constantly on the alert to detect the warning sound of the rattlesnake; over deep streams, balanced precariously upon the trunk of a fallen tree, where a misstep would send you in over your head, with the thermometer perhaps near the freezing point, and no chance to change your clothes till night; through the sweltering heat of Summer with all the accessories of swarms of biting insects and raging thirst, and through the nipping cold of Winter with its accompaniments of frost-bites and frozen toes and fingers, and rain and snow and sleet. Hard work at that, for there is always a rush to get the trial lines run through as quickly as possible, the chief engineer at headquarters is constantly driving the assistant in the field, and he is constantly driving axmen, chainmen, transit man, leveler, and, in short, all hands. But oh! great is the peace when the word is given to knock off for the day, and the tired, weary men begin to tramp toward camp, and greater still when the tents heave in sight and the blazing fire becomes visible, surrounded by savory messes! No sumptuous banquet at Delmonico's, no turtle soup, no baked shad, no "woodcock on toast," no Sillery frappé, no anything known to the palates of pampered New-Yorkers could possibly afford the gastronomic delights that fried ham, slacked-baked bread, boiled rice, and black coffee do to the jaded, sharp-set men who on such occasions gather around the camp table. Little is said till they have "deeply drunk and fiercely fed," but then, seated around the fire, the smoke from their pipes ascending among the spectral tree-tops, the song and the story go round, and life is thoroughly, deeply, and gratefully enjoyed. The perfect satisfaction of the fierce physical craving for food and rest produces a sensation of absolute content which, we believe, has scarcely an equal. Sleep, too, is sweet beyond expression, upon the ground underneath your tent, with the murmuring woodland sounds and the laughter from some late-sitting euchre party fading slowly upon your senses as you drop off to the slumber of the laboring man. A suitable line having been found, the next thing is to prepare it for construction. This is done by reducing the abrupt angles of deviation to easy curves, setting the side stakes for the excavations and embankments, calculating the cubic yards of earth in each cut and fill, getting up working drawings for the trestles, bridges, culverts, &c.

CONVENTIONS THIS WEEK.

Calls have been issued for State political conventions, this week, as follows:

Tuesday, Aug. 12.—Maine Democratic State Convention, in Portland, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

Tuesday, Aug. 12.—Maryland Democratic State Convention, in Baltimore, to nominate candidates for Controller of the State Treasury and Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Wednesday, Aug. 13.—Pennsylvania Republican State Convention, in Harrisburg, to nominate candidates for Judge of the Supreme Court of the State and State Treasurer.

BASE-BALL.

The Mutuals of New-York defeated the Philadelphias yesterday in that city by the following score:

Mutuals	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1—6
Philadelphias	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0—4

Runs Earned—Mutuals, 2; Philadelphias, 1.

Umpire—John Sensenderfer.

The Red Stocking and Enterprise Clubs played a game of ball in Pittsburg, Penn., yesterday, which resulted as follows: Red Stockings, 36; Enterprise, 5.

A game of base-ball for the championship of the Dominion was played at Guelph, Ont., to-day, between the St. Lawrence Club, of Kingston, and the Maple Leaf Club, of Guelph. The latter won by a score of 36 to 3.

The Red Stockings, of Boston, play the Maple Leaf Club, of Guelph, Ont., at that place, on the 22d inst.

ANOTHER NEW-YORK TRAGEDY.

A CIGAR-MAKER SHOT BY HIS PARTNER'S BROTHER—THE ASSASSIN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Messrs. Steinhardt & Schonlank have for several years carried on the business of cigar-making in this City, and are well known in the trade. The firm consists of Messrs. Benjamin and George M. Steinhardt and Mr. Samuel Schonlank. Some three months ago the firm removed their factory from No. 34 Platt-street, where they had carried on business, to No. 58 Vesey-street, which establishment they solely occupied. Ephraim R. Steinhardt, a younger brother of the two Steinhardts in the firm, was then given a position as book-keeper, with the understanding that he should learn the trade. Mr. Schonlank, from his superior knowledge of the business, was the working partner of the firm and superintended the factory, hiring and discharging the hands, about forty men and girls being employed in the establishment. Young Steinhardt improved so rapidly in the trade that a few weeeks ago Mr. Schonlank told him he would pay him journeyman's wages. But the young man at times neglected his work for the society of the girls employed in the factory, who were almost all Germans. On Friday last Mr. Schonlank was approached by young Steinhardt, who had failed to finish in the correct way a batch of cigars he had been working on. Mr. Schonlank, looking at the cigars young Steinhardt had made, said, "That is a very tender leaf, and in rolling it you should twist this way," at the same time illustrating how the cigar ought to be made. Young Steinhardt replied, in a most contemptuous way, "Oh, is that all you have to teach me? You roll them rough and I roll smooth." Mr. Schonlank, naturally nettled at this impertinence, replied, "If that is so, I will not teach you anything." Young Steinhardt then left the factory, and did not return until yesterday morning, when the porter found him waiting at the door with some factory girls who desired admission. The factory was opened, and the regular hands went to work in their respective departments, completing work left over and arranging new material. The room in which Mr. Schonlank's desk is situated is a large one, the rear portion of which is occupied by the more adept of the girls employed in the factory. Midway between the girls' work-stand and Mr. Schonlank's desk, which is situated near the window in front, is a large water-cooler. Yesterday morning, about 7:30 o'clock, when Mr. Schonlank entered the factory, Ephraim was standing by the water-cooler. On entering Mr. Schonlank said, "How are you, Eph.?" and went to his desk. While he was taking off his coat, Ephraim stepped up behind him, and drawing a small, seven-chambered, "blue jacket" revolver, fired. The ball entered just behind Mr. Schonlank's left ear, and, passing through an artery, lodged in the muscular tissue. Mr. Schonlank, who is a very powerful man, at once turned round and faced Ephraim. The young assassin had the revolver in his hand, and some of the work-girls, fancying he was about to shoot them, fainted. But he suddenly turned the muzzle of the pistol to his own breast, and firing, fell on the floor, apparently dead. Mr. Schonlank, who was bleeding profusely, rushed into the street, and running to the Astor House, entered the office of Dr. Swan, who was not at home at the time. Schonlank then staggered across Broadway to Hudnut's drug-store, where he was supported by Officer Dunn, of the Second Precinct. In the meantime, Officer White, of the Third Precinct, had been notified of the tragedy, and, entering the factory, found young Steinhardt lying on the floor almost dead. Assistance was procured, and both Steinhardt and Schonlank taken to the Park Hospital by Ambulance Surgeon McKeon. Steinhardt's injuries were pronounced fatal. He could scarcely speak, and failed to tell a coherent story.

Coroner Young, who was notified, at once took charge of the case and received informal statements from Mr. Schonlank and Catherine Sweeney and Mary Ellen Armstrong, of No. 61 James-street. Mr. Schonlank said that young Steinhardt came to him on Friday last to find out how a prime Regalia cigar was rolled. He explained, when Steinhardt answered in an insolent way; so he told him that he would not give any further instruction. Young Steinhardt then left the factory and did not return until yesterday morning. On Mr. Schonlank entering the store and proceeding to take off his coat, Ephraim Steinhardt came behind him and shot him. Catherine Sweeney, a work-girl, said that she saw Steinhardt draw the pistol, and after saying: "I will have satisfaction," shoot Schonlank. Mary Ellen Armstrong did not see Steinhardt shoot Schonlank, but did see him shoot himself. At latest accounts Schonlank was doing very well, and was in no immediate danger. Mr. Schonlank is forty-six years of age, and resided at No. 362 East Fifty-sixth-street, with his wife and family. Young Steinhardt is twenty-one years old, and resided at No. 672 Madison-avenue, and is the son of a very wealthy retired merchant. In addition to his self-inflicted wound, which entered the left breast, just below the nipple, Steinhardt is supposed to have taken poison just before his attempt at murder, as an empty phial marked "poison," was found in his possession, and he vomited profusely on being taken to the hospital. Coroner Young will make a further investigation into the case to-day.

GENERAL NOTES.

The weather is extremely hot in Nebraska.

Dr. L. Van Trosen, late of Albany, committed suicide at Omaha, Neb., yesterday, by cutting his throat with a razor.

Gov. Thomas A. Hendricks refuses to take any part for the Democrats in the pending campaign in Ohio, although earnestly solicited to come over and aid them.

Wm. Travis, a colored barber in Cincinnati, threatens to bring suit under the Civil Rights bill against a firm of druggists in that city who refused, on account of his color, to sell him over their counter an article he had called for.

The Chicago *Post* has discovered one resident of that city who is "entirely innocent." His name is H. M. Singer, and he is one of the County Commissioners against whom certain grave charges have been made and duly investigated.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* has been revived, and again appears under the editorship of Hon James R. Randall. It is an able paper, but extremely bitter in its discussion of political questions, viewing everything from the ultra Southern standpoint.

Hon. C. C. Clay was thrown from his horse near Huntsville, Ala., several days since, and sustained fractures of his arm in two places. He was hurrying forward at the time to meet a train and also to avoid an approaching rain-storm, and his horse, becoming frightened, shied and threw him over his head.

Gen. Robert Lowry, of Mississippi, declines to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The leading party paper in the State believes that he could have been the choice of the party for its standard bearer; but as the Republicans intend to carry the State again, perhaps it is better for Mr. Lowry to keep out of the fight.

The San Francisco *Chronicle*, one of the most enterprising papers in the matter of news on the Pacific Coast, has appeared in an entire new dress, and announces that hereafter it will stereotype its forms, standing alone in this respect among the journals west of the Rocky Mountains.

The Selma (Ala.) *Times* of Friday last reports that the caterpillars are again making a general appearance throughout that section, and south-west of there. The damage done by them, it adds, is as yet "very slight, but unless killed out by some means, they will clean out many plantations during the next five or six days. Many of the planters are fighting the worms, while others, we regret to say, are looking on and trusting to Providence."

A Zanesville, Ohio, paper records the recent death near that city of a boy seven years old, named Sheridan Stoneburner, who was one of triplets born to Solomon and Hannah Stoneburner, Nov. 15, 1865. The children were named U. S. Grant, W. T. Sherman, and P. H. Sheridan. Dr. Safford, of Zanesville, preached the funeral discourse from Second Kings, fourth chapter and twenty-fourth verse: "Is it well with the child? It is well." Grant and Sherman, the other two boys, are reported to be in fine health and promise.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH.

Frederick Schmidt, aged eighteen, a clerk in the grocery-store of John Lange, corner of Walworth-street and De Kalb-avenue, Brooklyn, was killed yesterday morning by his horse. He was standing in front of the store in the act of feeding the animal, when it became frightened and started off, knocking the unfortunate young man down and trampling on him. Drs. Palmer and Leavy promptly attended, but their patient died in half an hour. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—1 A. M.—The barometer has fallen in New-England and the Middle States, with south-easterly and easterly winds, increasing cloudiness and higher temperature. Light southerly and south-westerly winds, lower barometer and partly cloudy weather prevail in the Gulf and South Atlantic States. The pressure is low in the lower lake region, and thence to the Upper Ohio Valley, with light, variable winds and cloudy weather. Occasional rain has fallen on Lake Ontario; north-easterly winds, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rain from Tennessee to the Ohio Valley.

PROBABILITIES.

For New-England falling barometer, higher temperature, easterly winds, and partly cloudy weather, followed by local rains in the western portion.

For the Middle States falling barometer, south-easterly and easterly winds, warmer and cloudy weather, with occasional light local rains.

For the Gulf and South Atlantic States, lower barometer, rising temperature, south-westerly winds, increasingly cloudy weather, and occasional rains.

From Tennessee to the Ohio and Lower Missouri Valley, south-westerly to north-westerly winds, cloudy weather, and local storms.

For the lower lake region, south-westerly winds, low barometer, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rains.

From Southern Michigan to Eastern Iowa, westerly winds, lower temperature, and partly cloudy weather, with occasional light rains.

Reports are missing from the upper lakes, the North-west, the South-west and generally west of the Mississippi.

IN THE CITY.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature yesterday, with the average for the same, as indicated by the thermometer at Dickinson's drug-store, No. 3 Park-row: 3 A. M., 70°; 6 A. M., 67°; 9 A. M., 73°; 12 M., 77°; 3 P. M., 81°; 6 P. M., 75°; 9 P. M., 73°; 12 P. M., 70°. Average temperature yesterday, 73⅛°.

CALEDONIA GAMES IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Aug. 11.—The games of the Caledonia Association came off to-day, at Oakdale Park, about 15,000 persons being present. The line formed at the Assembly Buildings, and with the invited guests from abroad, including a batallion of the Seventy-ninth regiment, (New-York Highlanders) marched to the depot where the cars were taken for the park. Here, throughtout the day everything was quiet, notwithstanding the large concourse of spectators. The games, for which prizes to the extent of $700 were offered, were not all completed. There was a lively competition. Among those participating was Prof. Goldie, of Princeton College. Upon the return to the City in the evening a collation was furnished to the invited guests. To-morrow the annual meeting of the Caledonian Association will commence in the Assembly Buildings.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME BURNED OUT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 13.—The Widows' and Orphans' Home, near this city, was totally destroyed by fire to-day, leaving the inmates homeless. A small portion of the furniture was saved, but everything else, including clothing, was lost. Assistance of all kinds is urgently needed.

POOL-SELLING ON THE UTICA TROTTING RACES.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 11.—In the pools for the 2:34 race to-morrow, Maloney sold as the favorite to-night at $100, Idle Girl second at $50, and the field at $70.

For the 2:27 race Gloster sold as the favorite at $100; Nettie, second choice, at $60, and the field at $60.

A large number of strangers are in town.

There was a heavy fall of rain here this evening.

THE STEAM-SHIPS PROBABLY SAFE.

The anxiety which has been manifested in this City lately, on account of the non-arrival of the Baltic line steam-ship Ernst Moritz Arndt, was partially allayed yesterday by the receipt of a telegram at the offices of the company, No. 44 Broadway, stating that she had been sighted on July 23, by the ship King Oscar. The telegram stated that the King Oscar passed the Arndt on July 23, in latitude 40° 10′, longitude 43° 3′, under sail, disabled by the breaking of the propeller. She was then making good progress northward. On the 24th she was seen by the White Star steamer Oceanic, an extract from the log of that steamer reading: "July 20, met brig-rigged steamer standing north under sail; had no steam on. Did not signal us. Latitude 46° 10′ north, longitude 43° 37′ west." According to this both vessels passed the Arndt in the same latitude, and the latter was going backward instead of progressing. She must touch at some port within the next week, and it is now probable that she will be first heard from on the Nova Scotian coast.

Intelligence has been received that the State line steam-ship Alabama, from Glasgow, has been spoken a considerable distance west of where the wreck was seen which was supposed to be that vessel.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President, with his son and daughter, and accompanied by Gen. Babcock, was in this City for a few hours yesterday. The party left Long Branch at noon, and dined at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, leaving in time to catch the regular evening train for Albany, whence they proceed at once to Maine.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN BOSTON.

The plans for the new church, says the Boston *Advertiser*, which the Shawmut-avenue Baptist society intends building on its new lot at the junction of Columbus-avenue, Chester Park, and Wellington streets, will be unique and one of the handsomest in the city. The building will front on three streets—150 feet on Columbus-avenue, and 113 feet on Westchester Park and Wellington-street. It is to be of brick, with light colored sandstone trimmings, with a tower at each corner of the Columbus-avenue front. The basement will be above ground, covering the whole lot inside the walls, 14 feet in the clear, and divided as follows: One large vestry, 64 by 75 feet; the smaller vestry, 36 by 37; one parlor, 37 by 43; two class-rooms, 24 by 27; one infant class-room, 28 by 32; a pator's study, toilet-rooms and kitchen all connected. The auditorium is to be in the form of a semi-circle with the floor inclined five feet in forty-eight, the pews in perfect circles, with eighteen radiating aisles. There are to be six different exits, four staircases four feet wide, and two three feet wide. The ceiling is to be of iron, 40 feet from the floor, divided into deep panels. The building will be heated by seven furnaces, and the main audience-room lighted by four chandeliers containing 100 burners each. The ceiling will be richly molded with wooden ribs and ornamental centre-pieces placed over each chandelier. The building will be thoroughly ventilated on a principle pate ted by the architect, Lawrence B. Valk, Esq., of New-York City, who planned the construction of Rev. Dr. Hepworth's new church, Rev. Dr. Scudder's, Rev. Dr. Talmage's, and many others. The church will seat 2,200, the pews being of different sizes, accommodating from three to seven persons each. The choir gallery and organ are to behind the pulpit, the gallery slightly elevated above the pulpit platform. The organ, which is intended to be a very superior instrument, will have a frontage of thirty-two feet and a height of twenty-seven feet. The baptistry will be between the choir-gallery and the pulpit, marble-lined, and of a very elegant pattern, so constructed as to remain always open, an ornamental screen hiding it and the dressing-rooms from the auditorium. The total cost of the building, exclusive of the land for which $70,000 was paid, will be $100,000. Work will be begun on the building immediately, and it will be completed, it is expected, in about six months.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A Washington newspaper says: "The following is a list of the buildings in course of erecting under Supervising Architect Mullett: Custom-houses and Post-offices (united in one building) are being erected in Chicago, St. Paul, New-Orleans Port Huron, Mich.; Portland, Oregon; St. Louis, and Rockland, Me. Court-houses and post-offices (in one building) are being erected in New-York, Hartford, Omaha, Columbia, S. C., Trenton, N. J., Parkersburg, W. Va., and Philadelphia. Besides these there are building a custom-house at Charleston, S. C., a jail at Washington, a War and Navy Department building at Washington, a post-office and sub-treasury building at Boston and a post-office at Dover, Del. These are all to be finely built structures. Several of them will be of enormous size, and their cost of corresponding magnitude. The war and navy building will cost $6,000,000; the New-York Court-house and Post-office, $6,000,000; the Boston Post-office and St. Louis Custom-house and Post-office, $4,000,000 each; the Philadelphia Post-office and Court-house and the New-Orleans Custom-house, $3,000,000 each; the Charleston Custom-house, $2,500,000; the Chicago Custom-house, $5,000,000.

MONTAUK POINT.

ITS INDIANS AND TRADITIONS—THE FAMOUS LIGHT-HOUSE.

Long Island in outline is a topographical fish, the bifurcated strips of land on the eastern end forming the tail, while the broken and rounding shore at the western extremity does not look unlike a head on the map. The sand strip on the south dividing the Great South Bay and lesser bays from the Atlantic Ocean will serve as fins. The south-eastern prong of the tail is the famous Montauk Point—the first land seen by the mariner when bound for the port of New-York, and the white tower of its famous light-house holds the vision of the departing sailor till it seems to rise from the water on the horizon.

The peninsula is an extensive and wild tract of land, some twenty miles or more in length, and in portions not more than a stone's throw in width. There was a rumor during the Winter that a party of New-York capitalists had purchased an extensive tract of land on the peninsula with the intention of erecting thereon a mammoth Summer hotel, and if this is done, the now wild and desolate region will doubtless become a fashionable resort. Excepting that portion belonging to the Government, and occupied by the light-house, and the Indian fields, the peninsula has been owned for many years by an incorporated company, and the lands have been used as pasturage for several herds of cattle, which are guarded by herdsmen who inhabit the shanties observed here and there. The humble shanties of fishermen dot the shores of Neapeague Bay, and there are also hereabouts several fish factories. The bony menhaden, or moss-bunker, abounds in these waters, and millions of them are annually netted, thousands being sometimes taken in one haul. They are used for manure and for oil. A road leads from East Hampton through the peninsula to the light-house; though a pleasanter way to reach the only point of interest to most tourists is the sail from Sag Harbor, as landing is easy on the north shore. The drive is over a hilly country, with little shade. The south shore is rocky and sandy, with a stunted growth of grass and shrubs, like many other portions of that side of Long Island; while on the north shore, as also elsewhere on the same line, the land inclines to hill, and there is in places a fine growth of trees, and vegetation is possible. A revenue-boat guards the northern shore, and smuggling has been detected in the coves of Neapeague Bay, into which many vessels seek refuge when the storm catches them so near the land.

A few hours' walk from East Hampton, an ancient and flourishing hamlet, will leave civilization behind. The Indian reservation embraces a portion of the peninsula—the home of the remnant of the once powerful Montauk tribe of Indians, one of the original thirteen that ruled the island of Sewanhaka. These Indians consist of several families, and in the neighborhood are contemptuously considered half-breeds, though the elders claim to be pure blooded, and one of them the lineal ruler of the tribe. At best they are degenerate representatives of a once illustrious and noble race; for, if not deteriorated by miscegenation, they have become so by dissipation, now resembling their progenitors only in respect to their love of fire-water and indolence, not indulging in the hardy sports they might indulge in, and eking out a miserable living by menial services. Their own statements are very contradictory, some evidently wishing to be considered genuine Indians, while others vehemently disdain the connection. They are dark-skinned rather than copper-hued, and the tendency to "kink" in the hair of many leaves no doubt as to their pedigree. There are, however, several tall, well-formed, straight-haired men among them, who are undoubtedly "pure Indian." The leading and "royal family" is that of Pharoah, and evidently all in the settlement belong to the family, or, at all events, bear the name. One of this family is putatively the king or chieftain; but there never was a more impotent and poverty-stricken ruler, being, in fact, no ruler at all, not even by courtesy. It is said that these full-bloods are the most industrious in cultivating the ground allotted to them, and probably, if thought something of by the whites, and not regarded and treated as a worthless community, they would do much better. They dwell in rudely-constructed huts or shanties, and the half-breeds are much in the majority. It is needless to add that they are a source of trouble to the township.

Though the Indians are disappearing so fast many of their traditions and names are still remembered. Nearly all the Aboriginal designations of localities have been retained, and some of the traditions, no doubt forgotten by the Indians themselves, have been treasured by the whites. Neapeague, Culloden, Shaguway, Womponomon, Kongonock, and Narragansett are names bestowed by the Aborigines to different localities. To us they possess little significance, but in the Indian language they felicitously indicate the characteristics of the localities. For instance, Montaukett, the name of the peninsula, signifies hilly land.

In the museum of the Long Island Historical Society, in Brooklyn, there is a goodly-sized rock which was for a number of years gone by an object of interest to tourists on Montauk Point. It stood near the large pond, and was at one time much larger, pieces of it having been chipped away by tourists as souvenirs; so much so indeed that the rock would probably in course of time have been destroyed altogether had it not been removed to a place of safety by a gentleman taking an interest in the matter, and subsequently transferred to the Historical Society. On this stone there is an impression of a human foot, distinct enough to be legible. Tradition has it that this foot-print was made by the foot of a young warrior who, driven to despair by unrequited love, leaped from the rock into the pond, leaving an indentation of his right foot in the soft rock. Another account declares that the footprint is that of the evil spirit, who escaped after an encounter with the good spirit by leaping from this rock into the pond. The reader may accept whichever version he pleases.

All traces of "Sachem's Hole" were obliterated by the extension of the turnpike from East Hampton to the light-house. In 1651 in conveying the remains of an illustrious chieftain from Shelter Island to Montaukett for interment, the cortége rested on the line of the turnpike, near East Hampton, and the spot where the head of the corpse rested on the ground was marked by a slight excavation. For years the hole remained—every passing Indian sweeping it out clear of drift. It is not out of place here to observe that there are few traces of old Indian burial places on the peninsula, yet from this tradition there is reason to infer it was a popular burying ground with them.

Years ago there was a wood in the vicinity of the western end of the peninsula, which was remarkable as the locale of a peculiar noise like that of a boy "whooping," and it was popularly supposed the woods were haunted by the ghost of a boy, whom it was alleged had been murdered therein. It is needless to say that the wood was always avoided, especially in the night time. In the neighborhood the mere mention of the locality was sufficient to inspire terror. A sturdy farmer, however, purchased the right to cut the wood down, and bravely went about his work. He made short work of the "whooping boy," for he silenced him forever. Moreover, he accounted for the strange noise by the discovery that two of the trees had so grown together and interlaced that their branches in several places formed whistles for the wind. From the eastern extremity of the peninsula the ocean view is grand, sublime—as fine, perhaps, as any on the coast. Some interesting wild flowers can be discovered in the tall grass, and curious rocky formations attract attention along the shores. Furious breakers dash myriads of variously-colored pebbles on the southern shore, along which there is the never-ending roar of the surf, while on the other side the water is tranquil and the shore as smooth as a floor. In this season of the year, some very curious seaweed can be gathered here, especially among the rocks. There are several varieties, one of which, a species of ribbon-grass, dries beautifully. On the southern shore is the wrecking station, with the long life-boat and other life-saving apparatus, ready at a moment's notice to be launched into the surf. It is some years, however, since the long-boat has been required. The last wreck of importance was that of an emigrant ship, some years ago. As early as 1795 there was a light located here. The present light-house is a great improvement, and one of the finest in this world. It was built in 1860, on the high rocky eminence at the extreme end of the peninsula, so that the more hardy breakers leap up and lick its base. The exact location of the light is 40° 4′ 13″ latitude, and 71° 51′ 6″ longitude. It is a fixed light, varied by white flashes in intervals of two minutes, visible twenty miles. The tower, built of brick, is ninety-seven feet high from the base. It is 172 feet above the sea. The view to be obtained from the gallery is a grand one, as it affords a bird's-eye view of Gardiner's Islands, Gull Islands, and Fisher's Islands, the Connecticut shore, and Block Island. Ocean steamers pass in the distance, and heavily-ladened merchantmen tack to and fro.

The light requires the attention of a keeper and two or three assistants. The oil is kept in a tank at the base and pumped up eight gallons at a time. A curious story is told regarding the apparatus: The lantern is octagonal shaped, with two revolving glasses of the finest order. It was exhibited by the French Government at the New-York Crystal Palace, and afterward presented to the United States Government and taken to Washington. It remained in Washington several years, and then was sold to a speculator at a ridiculously low figure. Shortly after an ack was passed to rebuild and improve the Montauk Point, when it was found that the French light was needed, so it was purchased back by the Government at considerable cost. The flame is as big round as a man's head, and an immense quantity of oil is annually consumed. Everything is arranged and managed with the regularity of clock-work, and a housewife would envy the skill and industry that keeps the brasses and polished steel so clean and bright.

Lodging can be obtained in the light-house keeper's dwelling by visitors who wish to stop over night, and a register of visitors is kept, but so difficult is the peninsula of access that tourists are comparatively few, and sportsmen do not as yet often frequent this wild ocean-bound region.

THE NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The slow progress in the construction of the new public buildings in Philadelphia has been discussed freely. An evening journal sent a reporter to the Superintendent, Mr. Sutherland, and he gives the following information:

In connection with this subject, Mr. Sutherland expressed his desire to free the Commission from the charges of corruption so frequently cast at them. The Commission formerly maintained regular standing committees, to whom were delegated the powers necessary in exercising their several functions; now, however, the plan in vogue at the Pennsylvania Hospital has been put into practice, and an executive committee has taken the place of those previously existing, which exercises discretionary power, and changes throughout each succeeding month. By this arrangement all engaged in the work become acquainted with the details of each department, and less opportunity is afforded for jobbing.

The members of the commission are compelled to pay the heavier of their expenses from their private purses, while the office of superintendent affords little recompense for const

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Monday, Aug. 11, Geo. S. Wilks sold, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, the two five-story brick tenement-houses and plot of land, 47.9 by 103.3, situate on the north side of Twelfth-street, 110.3 feet east of Avenue C. Samuel Caspar bought the premises for $9,942 over and above mortgage and interest, amounting to $35,400. Also sold, under the same order, the five-story brick tenement-house and lot, 23.10½ by 103.3, situate on the north side of Twelfth-street, 86.4½ feet east of Avenue C, to the same purchaser, for $670 over and above mortgage of $16,900. No other person beside he to whom the property was struck down made a bid for it, and as the sale was but obscurely advertised, no others beside the interested parties knew any of the particulars relating to the property. The prices for which the property sold cannot, therefore, be considered as representing a fair valuation of the property.

For to-day the following auctions are projected:

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

By R. V. Harnett, at the Exchange, adjourned Supreme Court sale of the premises situate on the east side of Fifth-avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, known as the Knickerbocker Hotel.

By James M. Miller, at the Exchange, Supreme Court foreclosure, F. M. Scott, referee, of one lot, 20 by 80, on south side of Second-avenue, 80.10 feet south of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street. Also, under the direction of W. H. Meeks and John B. Cooper, executors of Jacob P. Giraud, Jr., the mansion-house and sixty-four acres of land at Poughkeepsie; on the Hudson River and Old Turnpike-road, two miles south of the City. There are a farm-house and other out-buildings on the premises, and the land is high and has fine views of the Hudson River.

EXCHANGE SALES, MONDAY, AUG. 11.

NEW-YORK.

By Geo. S. Wilks.

2 five-story brick tenement-houses and plot 47.
9x103.3, n. s. of 12th st., 110.3 ft. e. of Avenue C..... $37,642
1 five-story brick tenement-house and lot, 23.
10½x103.3, n. s. of 12th-st., 86.4½ ft. e. of Avenue C..... 17,470

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Saturday, Aug. 9.

27th-st., s. s., 95 ft. e. of Lexington-av., 25x98.8, except strip of n. e. corner, (rear.) 3.3 x5..... $15,000
33d-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 7th-av., 17.6x40, foreclosure..... 5,350
62d-st., n. s., 155.9 ft. e. of 3d-av., 18.7x100.5. 19,000
62d-st., n. s., 241.8 ft. e. of 9th-av., 16.8x102.2. 18,000
128th-st., n. s., 263 ft. e. of 4th-av., wid., 16x99.11..... 17,000
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LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—Held by Davis, J.—66, Equitable Life Assurance Society of New-York vs. Billyer et al.; 73, Pope vs. Lagrave; 74, Zeigler vs. Eisenmenger et al., two cases vs. Eisenmenger et al.; 75, Dryfus Lambman et al. vs. Lagrave; 76, Benneguin and Averil vs. Lagrave; 77, Edmond and Vandenhoff vs. Lagrave; 78, Dreher et al. and Jammorman et al. vs. Lagrave; 79, Lee vs. Lagrave; 88, International Trust Company vs. Wilson; 94, St. Patrick's Mutual Alliance Association vs. O'Connell et al.; 101, People ex rel. Johnson vs. Green; 102, People ex rel. Brennan vs. Green; 106, Miller et al. vs. Sanders et al.; 107½, Rouse vs. Aaronson; 148, Lockwood vs. Holdbridge; 154, Hermance et al. vs. Meyers et al.; 154, Hermance et al. vs. Meyers; 159, Koenings vs. Koenings; 107, Rose vs. Rosenberg; 168, Same vs. Same; 189, Robinson, &c., vs. Clifford; 192, In the matter of James Plant's examination as witness, &c.; 193, In the matter of James Plant's examination as witness (No. 2) vs. same.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Held by Hacket, Recorder.—James Sullivan, robbery; John Brickley, felonious assault and battery; Bartholomew Buckley, felonious assault and battery; Jacob Schroeder, burglary; Stephen Byrne, burglary; August Goetzer, burglary; James Brady, alias James Morrison, burglary; Timothy J. Gilmore, forgery; James McManus, grand larceny; Ruth McManus, receiver of stolen goods; George Baker, receiver of stolen goods; Peter Killenny, grand larceny; Isabella Mason, grand larceny; Thomas Bellide, grand larceny; Patrick Haley, grand larceny; Patrick McEvoy, grand larceny; William Sheppard, grand larceny; Thomas Welkel, Charles Stephens, larceny from the person; Oran H. Greville, false pretences; James Kelly alias Edward Caupe, concealed weapons.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT.

By Judge Daniels

The Continental Insurance Company vs. Woodworth et al.; papers with clerk.

Selegman vs. Stevenson et al.; papers with clerk.

By Judge Pratt.

The People ex rel., Geo. Jones vs. Frederick Rubenstein et al.; motion granted and proceedings remitted, with $10 costs.

Geo. T. Thompson vs. Wm. Colman et al.; motion granted and cause removed to Putnam County; $10 costs to abide event.

Martha Hall vs. Theodore Francis, &c.; motion granted; $10 costs to abide event.

Geo. G. Wilmerding vs. Mary C. Porter, &c.; motion granted, $10 costs.

In the matter of Wm. Winter; memoranda for counsel.

John Percy vs. James Wood; motion denied, with $10 costs.

The People, &c., Isaac T. Smith vs. Payne & Quintard; memoranda for counsel.

Christina K. Brown vs. Henry K. Porter et al.; motion to vacate order of arrest denied, with $10 costs.

John S. Jones vs. Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited; motion denied, $10 costs.

Stone vs. J. T. Seagrave, &c.; motion denied; $10 costs to abide event.

James W. Fowler vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York; both motions denied with $10 costs.

Wm. L. Hermance vs. New-York Gas-light and Heat Company et al.; motion denied and injunction dissolved.

Henry A. Buddensick vs. Henry A. Frost; motion granted.

Isabella Funk vs. John W. Funk; motion denied with $10 costs. Mr. Beamish, the clerk, to settle the order.

Wm. L. Bradley vs. Wm. H. H. Glover; motion granted; $10 costs.

Louisa J. Graves vs. John Graves; reference ordered to take proof as to alleged contempt, said reference to proceed forthwith. The clerk, R. C. Beamish, will enter order on this decision.

In the matter of the petition of Wm. D. Murphy, to vacate assessment; order granted.

Elias Ostrander vs. Titus O. Ostrander; on defendant stipulating to refer this cause, &c., to take proofs and to take short notice of trial, motion for alimony denied; counsel fee of $75 to be paid; twenty days allowed.

In the matter of habeas corpus of Wm Van Name; order granted and writ dismissed, and the petitioner is remanded to custody of Sheriff.

T. L. Marckwold vs. Oceanic Steam Navigation Company; motion denied; $10 costs.

Alonso Dutch vs. Sophia J. Dutch; report of referee confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted; and it is further adjudged and decreed that the child of said defendant born on or about the 15th June, 1871, is not the child of said plaintiff, but said child is hereby declared to be illegitimate.

Charles L. Merritt vs. Mary E. Merritt; report of R. C. Beamish, referee, confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted on said report; custody of the child (Blanche) awarded to the plaintiff.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Chief Justice Barbour.

Whittaker, Jr., vs. Stebbons et al.; the motion for attachment must be granted, unless the defendant shall pay $1,700 into court, or execute, file, and serve such a bond, with sureties, as is required by the order of May 17, within three days from the service of the order to be entered thereon, $10 costs of this motion to be paid by the defendant, Stebbins, to the plaintiff.

Carpenter vs. Engels & Kucker; order for retaxation of costs and vacating order of 8th inst.

Lyon vs. Lyon; order denying motion, with $10 costs with leave to plaintiff to apply to reduce the alimony, &c.

MARINE COURT—CHAMBERS—AUG. 11.

Before Judge Joachimsen.

HOW A MARSHAL DIDN'T GET HIS FEES.

Ernest Innonier vs. *Charles Field and R. E. Sarpent.*—The defendants, the Master and first mate of the brig Altavela, were arrested by Marshal Thomas McGrath, on an order of arrest sued out by the plaintiff in a suit to recover damages for an alleged assault on the high seas. The order of arrest required the defendants to give bail in $300. A bond for this amount, with two sureties, approved by the Judge, was tendered to the Marshal, but he refused to release the prisoners unless he was paid $20, at the same time declining to state what his statutory fees amounted to. Counsel for the defendants made an affidavit to this state of facts, and presented it to Judge Joachimsen, and the latter thereupon, on the afternoon of the same day on which he granted the order of arrest, vacated it, and discharged the defendants unconditionally.

MASONIC CELEBRATION.

The Morton Commander No. 4, Knights Templar, of New-York City, has an excursion on the 26th inst. to celebrate its semi-centennial anniversary, to the Schuetzen Park, Union Hill, N. J. Grafulla's Band is engaged. The Sir Knights will muster in full uniform, viz.: Uniform coat, baldric sword, belt, gauntlets, and plumed chapeau, with fatigue cap slung on right hip, and with the grand banner Beauséant. The command will start at 9 o'clock sharp from the Asylum, corner of grand and Centre streets, and march down Broadway to Chambers-street, thence to the Erie Ferry, where a special train will be provided. There will be a review and drill at the park. Holders of special tickets will report to the Transportation Committee, foot of Chambers-street, which will look after them. All who cannot start with the party can reach the park any time during the day by the Union Hill horse cars from Hoboken ferry.

MUSIC AT WASHINGTON-SQUARE.

The Department of Public Parks announce that if the weather is fine there will be music at Washington-square this afternoon, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The following is the programme:

PART I.

1. March, "Gustave"..... Stredeke
2. Overture, "Allesandro Stradella"..... Flotow
3. Song, "Come, ye Pretty Birds"..... Gumbert
4. Waltz, "One Thousand and One Nights"..... Strauss

PART II.

5. Cavatina, "Immense Jehovah," from Nabuco. Verdi
6. Polka, "L'Hirondella"..... Lackner
7. Medley, "Home Thoughts"..... Dodworth
8. "Leo" March..... W. P. Wellmon

PART III.

9. Overture, "William Tell"..... Rossini
10. Air, "Ave Maria"..... Gounod
11. Waltz, "Beautiful Rhine"..... Keler Bela
12. Galop, "Greeting from Love"..... Michaelis

Final "The Union."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—LEWIS E. WOOD, Auctioneer, will sell at auction, at his sales-rooms, No. 79 Montgomery-st., Jersey City, on TUESDAY, Aug. 12, 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., the entire real estate of James L. Blackmore, deceased, consisting of fourteen valuable lots, upon which are erected three large brick tenement-houses, other houses, shops, &c.

Sale positive, to close the estate.

For maps and particulars apply to the auctioneer.
By order of
JACOB WEART, Administrator.

NEW-YORK COMMON PLEAS.—SAMUEL SCHWAB, plaintiff, against THOMAS NICOL and CHARLOTTE NICOL, his wife, Joseph M. Forges and Adylly Forges, his wife, Ferdinand Kursman, Frank O'Connell, George G. Barthoff, and Samuel Phillips, defendants.—In pursuance of a judgment of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the City and County of New-York rendered in this action on the 23d day of July, 1873, the subscriber, as referee therein, will sell at public auction at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 3d day of September next, at 12 o'clock noon, all that piece or parcel of land described in the said judgment, as follows: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, with the building thereon erected, situate and being on the easterly side of Ridge-street, between Delancey and Broome streets, in the Thirteenth Ward of the City of New-York, designated on a map made by the Commissioners for the division of the estates of Thomas Lovett and George Lovett, filed in the office of the Assistant Register or Clerk of the first circuit of the Court of Chancery on or about the 20th day of January, 1825, by the number sixty-six, (66,) bounded and containing as follows, that is to say: Beginning at a point distant one hundred feet south from the south-east corner of Ridge-street and Delancey-street; thence running southerly along the east side of Ridge-street twenty-five feet; thence easterly one hundred feet; thence northerly twenty-five feet, and thence westerly one hundred feet to the point or place of beginning.—Dated New-York, Aug. 6, 1873. ROBERT E. ROBINSON, Referee.
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DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, } NEW-YORK, Aug. 5, 1873.

69TH DIVIDEND.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT. has this day been declared, payable on demand.
AUGUSTUS COLSON, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

OFFICE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, } NEW-YORK, July 12, 1873.

The Board of Managers of this Company has declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. upon the amount of its capital stock, now represented by outstanding certificates.

This dividend, TOGETHER WITH THE INTEREST due shareholders upon their PAID-UP INSTALLMENTS OF THE NEW STOCK, will be paid at the NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, in New-York, on and after FRIDAY, 1st of August next.

The transfer-books will close this evening and remain closed until the morning of MONDAY, Aug. 4.
By order of the Board,
JAMES C. HART, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY.

The Quarterly Dividend of this Company at the rate of Seven per Cent. per annum, on the new guaranteed stock, will be paid on and after Sept. 2, proxime, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange-place, New-York.

The transfer-books will close on the 15th inst., and reopen on the 2d of September.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE GERHARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, } No. 141 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 31, 1873.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on MONDAY, Aug. 4, 1873.
JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, } OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, CLEVELAND, July 24, 1873.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Second Mortgage Bonds of this Company, which mature Sept. 1 proximo, will be paid on and after this date upon presentation at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in New-York, with adjustment of interest for unexpired time.
G. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERIcan Coal Company of Allegany County, Maryland, have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on the 10th of September next. The transfer-books will close on the evening of Aug. 30, and reopen on the morning of Sept. 11.
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LOST.—THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES OF PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY STOCK, Nos. 15,114, 13,571; 100 shares each, in the name of Ascan Backus. The public are cautioned against negotiating the same, as transfer has been stopped, and new certificates applied for.
NEW-YORK, July 28, 1873.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.—AMERICAN, Adriatic, Commercial, National, Resolute. For sale by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine-st.

LEGAL NOTICES.

AT A SPECIAL TERM OF THE SUPREME Court held at Chambers thereof, in the Court-house, in the City of New-York, on the 17th day of March, 1873, present Hon. Enoch L. Fancher, Justice.—MICHAEL J. LOWE against THE WASHINGTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—On reading and filing the petition of George B. Satterlee, Receiver of the Washington Fire Insurance Company, defendant in the above-entitled action, and it appearing to this Court to be necessary and proper that the prayer thereof be granted, now, on motion of Wm. G. Willis, Jr., attorney for said receiver, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the said receiver have leave, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay a dividend of fifty cents on the dollar or 50 per cent. to all of the Washington Fire Insurance Company, which have been ascertained, to those persons who have exhibited their claims as creditors of said Company, as prescribed in and by original section 79, article 3, chapter 8, title 4, part III. of the Revised Statutes. And it is further ordered and decreed that a notice be published in the manner hereinafter directed, requiring all the creditors of said The Washington Fire Insurance Company to exhibit their claims and become parties to the proceedings entitled with within six months from the first publication of this order. And in default thereof, that they be precluded from all benefit of the judgment and decree which shall be made therein, and from any further distribution which shall be made under said judgment or decree. And it is further ordered that such notice and a copy of this order be published once a week for six months in the *Daily Register* and *The New-York Times*, two newspapers published in the City of New-York, and it is further ordered that John C. Gray, Esq., a counselor of this Court, be and he hereby is appointed a referee for the purposes of this order. That such publication be made under his direction, and that all such claims be exhibited to said referee. That said referee do hear and determine all such claims as may be contested, and that said referee may report to this Court from time to time upon any or all matters referred to him. And that said receiver be at liberty to apply to this Court for such further directions from time to time as may be proper.

Notice to Creditors of the Washington Fire Insurance Company.—To all whom it may concern: New-York Supreme Court.—Michael J. Lowe against The Washington Fire Insurance Company.

Notice is hereby given that an order, of which the foregoing is a copy, has been duly made in the above-entitled action, and that all creditors of said Company are required to exhibit their claims to the undersigned, at his office, No. 9 Nassau-street, in the City of New-York, and to comply with the terms of said order on or before the 26th day of September, 1873.—Dated New-York, March 24, 1873.
JOHN C. GRAY, Referee.
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COUNTY COURT—COUNTY OF KINGS.—SARAH C. CORTELYOU, Catherine L. Williamson, Sarah T. Bergen, Anna C. Onderdonk, and Nicholas Cooper against WILLIAM W. WICKES, Jacob Pecare, Isaac Bernstein, and Louisa, his wife, Henry Goldsmith, and Pauline, his wife, Moritz Cohn, and Ernestine, his wife, Henry M. Silverman, and Ernestine, his wife, Michael McLaughlin, and ——, his wife, Selim Marks, and ——, his wife, Joel E. Goudsmit, Antonio Gonzales, Felix Garcia, Charles A. Mushlit, William Ferris, Jacob Fuchs, John N. Heubner, Josiah T. Marean, John McElroy, Jacob Harris, Jeremiah Farhart, Elias P. Needham, Joseph Etsel, Albert Etsel, Peter Lydecker, Frederick Schmidt, Charles H. Ditson, Oliver Ditson, John C. Haynes, Moses Y. Ebbitt, Henry Oakley.—Suit No. 1.—To the defendant, Joel E. Goudsmit: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the County Court-house in the City of Brooklyn, New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 44 Court-street, Brooklyn, New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated Brooklyn, June 4, 1873. H. B. HUBBARD, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

N. B.—The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, on the 4th day of June, 1873. H. B. HUBBARD,
jy22-1aw6wTu* Plaintiffs' Attorney.

COUNTY COURT—COUNTY OF KINGS.—SARAH C. CORTELYOU, Catherine L. Williamson, Sarah T. Bergen, Anna C. Onderdonk, and Nicholas Cooper against WILLIAM W. WICKES, Jacob Pecare, Isaac Bernstein, and Louisa, his wife; Henry Goldsmith, and Pauline, his wife; Moritz Cohn, and Ernestine, his wife; Henry M. Silverman, and Ernestine, his wife; Michael McLaughlin, and ——, his wife; Selim Marks, and ——, his wife; Joel E. Goudsmit, Antonio Gonzales, Felix Garcia, Charles A. Mushlit, William Ferris, Jacob Fuchs, John N. Heubner, Josiah T. Marean, John McElroy, Jacob Harris, Jeremiah Farhart, Elias P. Needham, Joseph Etsel, Albert Etsel, Peter Lydecker, Frederick Schmidt, Charles H. Ditson, Oliver Ditson, John C. Haynes, Moses Y. Ebbitt, Henry Oakley.—Suit No. 2.—To the defendant, Joel E. Goudsmit: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, at the County Court-house, in the City of Brooklyn, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscriber, at his office No. 44 Court-street, Brooklyn, N. Y., within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated June 4, 1873.
H. B. HUBBARD, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

N. B.—The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, on the 4th day of June, 1873. H. B. HUBBARD,
jy22-1aw6wTu* Plaintiffs' Attorney.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN and for the City and County of New-York.—FREDERICK HARTUNG, plaintiff, against AMELIA ADAMSON, John Friedrich, John Anderson, John Fowler, Bernard Brady, Charles Jessup, Louis Marber, Adolph Simis, William H. May, Mr. Overberg, Mr. Smith, defendants.—To the defendants and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Common Pleas, for the City and County of New-York, at the new Court-house, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 23 Chambers-street, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, June 10, 1873. J. H. CORNELL, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The summons and complaint in this action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the City and County of New-York, on the 13th day of June, 1873.
J. H. CORNELL, Plaintiff's Attorney,
jy29-1aw6wTu* No. 23 Chambers-st., New-York.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—GRIFFITH ROWE, plaintiff, against THOMAS L. SANFORD and DELIA A. SANFORD, his wife, Samuel Cochran, John Reilly, Zephaniah Ayres, James McCandless, John McDonald, Patrick Vesey, Thomas Hagan, Lewis Lehman, James H. Havens, James H. Havens, Jr., and H. Clark, defendants.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the new Court-house in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, June 5, 1873.

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*Algeria, Wednesday, Aug. 27 | Batavia, Saturday, Aug. 30
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*Java, Wednesday, Sept. 10 | Parthia, Saturday, Sept. 13

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CITY OF BRISTOL.....Thursday, Aug. 28, 9 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 A. M.
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Tuesday, 12th...	3:30 P. M.	Wed'day, 13th...	7:30 A. M.
Wed'day, 13th...	12:30 P. M.	Thursday, 14th...	7:30 A. M.
Thursday, 14th...	1:00 P. M.	Friday, 15th...	8:00 A. M.
Friday, 15th...	2:00 P. M.	Saturday, 16th...	8:30 A. M.
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Thursday, 14th...	8:00 A. M.	Wednesday, 13.	12:00 M.
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EXCURSION
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Express for Philadelphia, 8:50, 9, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3:20, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

For Philadelphia, via Kensington, at 7 A. M., 6:10 P. M. Sunday, 6:10 P. M. Emigrant and 2d class, 7:05 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8:10, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:10, 4:30, 5:10, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, 8, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8:10, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:10, 7, 8, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 9, 9:30, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:10, and 7 P. M.

For Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7 and 8:10 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6:10, 8:30, and 9 P. M.

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3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

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4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

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6:00 and 7:00 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 and 11:30 P. M.—Way trains for Plainfield.

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3:40 P. M.—Babylon Express, connect Hempstead and Rockaway Beach.....	9:45 A. M.
4:10 P. M.—Fire Island and Patchogue Ex.	10:05 A. M.
4:40 P. M.—Patchogue Acc'n, connecting Rockaway and Hempstead.	9:00 A. M.
5:10 P. M.—Hempstead and Rockaway Ex.	8:40 A. M.
5:40 P. M.—Islip Acc'n, connecting Hempstead and Rockaway.....	8:05 A. M.
6:40 P. M.—Babylon Acc'n, connecting Hempstead and Rockaway..	6:46 A. M.
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THE HUDSON BOULEVARD.

THE OLD AND NEW COMMISSIONS—THE OPPOSITION THE PROPOSED ROUTE.

For some years back the question of building along the crown of the heights stretching from Bergen Point to the Palisades a county road, or boulevard, as fine as the view it would command, has been agitated by the property owners of Hudson County. The residents of West Hoboken, Union Hill, and other places in the northern section of the county have desired it, because local improvements being few and inexpensive, and the cost of this being borne by the whole county, it would enhance the values of their property with but little cost to themselves. The gentlemen of means and culture and leisure residing in the southern section of the county have favored it for the additional reason that it would afford them a place for recreation, of which they stand much in need. For a number of years, however, the project was merely in agitation, and it was not until about five years ago that it began to assume tangible shape.

At about that time a number of gentlemen, headed by John H. Bonn, went to the Legislature at Trenton and secured appointment as a commission with full power and authority to construct, at whatever cost, such a boulevard as the county required. These gentlemen, having selected John H. Bonn their President, addressed themselves to the task assigned to them. Instead, however, of confining themselves to one central route, they proposed to make three boulevards at a cost of somewhere in the neighborhood of $12,000,000. The people were frightened at this extravagance, and an overwhelming opposition was manifested. When the next Legislature had convened the people represented their grievances and a bill was passed remanding to popular vote the question whether the boulevard should be built or not. At the next election the matter was submitted to vote, and the public, rather than sustain the Commissioners in their extravagance, decided to abandon for a time their pet project, and the Commissioners were overwhelmingly voted down.

Public sentiment, nevertheless, still favored the construction of a boulevard at a cost within reasonable bounds; and the propriety of selecting another commission was frequently mooted. The Legislature of last Winter, as a consequence, appointed a new lot of Commissioners and vested them with the power to construct the boulevard. The Board of Chosen Freeholders, the guardians of the county property, were, at first, disposed to oppose the passage of the bill creating the new commission on the ground that it conferred too general and too arbitrary powers upon the gentlemen named in the bill. Reasonable concessions were, however, made by the friends of the bill, all opposition was withdrawn, the bill went through both Houses of the Legislature, received the Governor's signature and became law.

The new commission thus created, and known as the County Avenue Board, organized early in the Spring by the election of Hon. Orestes Cleveland, President, and of Mr. William A. Brown as Secretary.

The Commissioners' labors went along smoothly for a time. They advertised, according to law, for suggestions from property-holders as to the location of the route of the proposed boulevard. Property-holders from every part of the county answered with their suggestions; and since all of them were quick to see that the nearer to their holdings the proposed avenue ran the more ready would be the appreciation in value of their property, most of them were anxious to have the line run directly up to their gate-posts. The Commissioners finally decided upon a preliminary route which answered the suggestions of the greatest number.

The Commissioners could not, however, carry their line by every property-owner's house, and, as they expected, many of those whose suggestions had not been followed, proceded to organize opposition to the scheme. Public meetings were held in various parts of the county, and protests entered. There were no objections to the scheme itself, but objections to the line and to the width—which the Commissioners proposed to fix at 150 feet—were many, and from every meeting came also a protest against running the road through the County Court-house, as the Commissioners proposed to do, to the entire demolition of that antiquated structure and the jail which adjoins it. This property had cost the county upward of $150,000, and additions are now in progress at the jail which will cost not less than $12,000. Particularly strong opposition was manifested in Bergen City. It was there organized by some gentlemen who own a great deal of property to the west of the proposed route, and under their auspices several meetings were held in Library Hall. These gentlemen were desirous that the line should run through that section of Bergen in which they live—in fact, they avow that if it had been run where they suggested they would have made no opposition to the scheme—and their objections were of course confined to the route alone. They contended that the proposed line would strike the most densely populated part of Bergen, and that consequently the expenses attending the opening of the avenue at that point would be larger by far than if the line were located a little to the west of it. They calculated that if that line were followed, the Commissioners would be obliged to pay $883,892, for the land alone, and condemn eighty-two houses at an additional cost of $371,350. These figures were canvassed by the County Avenue Board, and the estimates were found to be too liberal by far. One property-holder, as an instance, had been allowed $20,000 for a house which it cost only $12,000 to build.

This is about the only opposition so far manifested in the southern parts of the county. The people in the northern part had their own little local grievances. The West Hoboken people desired to have the line run, instead of around their boundary line as the Commissioners mapped it out, directly through the heart of the township. This was also the case with the town of Union people. The proposed line ran along the boundary line of the town for a short distance. They wanted it to run right into the town. In the neighborhood of West Hoboken and the town of Union, the proposed line, instead of being straight and extending northwardly, veers to the west for about a mile, then takes a northerly direction to the Schuetzen Park, and thence eastwardly to the brow of the hills behind Weehawken, and thence along them northwardly. So that from Bergen Point to Bull's Ferry the line is almost straight, with the exception of the divergence just noted, to and from the Schuetzen Park.

Though the Schuetzen Park is one of the most popular resorts in the county, the people of West Hoboken and the town of Union, in meeting assembled, objected to the irregularity of the proposed line. They claimed that the contemplated improvement would cost heavily, were the line ever so straight, and that the divergence was unwise because it increased the expense of the road. They also protested that the road should not be 150 feet in width, as proposed by the Commissioners, and that it ought not to be more than 100 feet in width.

The act creating the Commissioners gave the property-owners a right to file objections to the line selected, and directed the Commissioners to take these objections into consideration; and, if they saw fit, to change the line to meet them. The people of Bergen and West Hoboken and the town of Union filed this objection, as represented. They were referred to a committee of the board, who, with the engineer, have gone over the route and decided upon some change in the line. This committee have not reported as yet, owing to the absence of some of the Commissioners, but are expected to report at a meeting to be held on Friday next. Meanwhile the property-owners are anxiously awaiting the report of this committee. This report, there is reason to believe, will be substantially as follows: The new line will not touch the Court-house, but, going to the east of it, will avoid it and all the county property on Hudson City Heights. The only other change that will be made is in the line in the neighborhood of the Schutzen Park at West Hoboken. Instead of the divergence from the straight line to and from that resort, the line will be carried directly north through the centre of the township of West Hoboken, and run thence into the township of Union a short distance. It will then veer north-easterly to the Bull's Ferry road, avoiding a chasm of two or three hundred feet in what is known as the Lower Road from Union Hill to Hoboken, and run along the Bull's Ferry road to its northern terminus. By this route the "opening" expenses will be about $2,500,000, the cost of which is to be borne by the owners of property within 2,000 feet of the line of the Boulevard. The cost of construction will be about $2,000,000, to be borne by the county at large; thus making the total cost of the great improvement less than $5,000,000.

The Commissioners have decided to have the road less than 150 feet wide. They will build a good substantial macadamized road, curb it, flag it and plant a row of shade-trees on each side of it. They do not at present propose to sewer it.

The changes noted will dispose of all of the solid objections to the line originally proposed by the Commissioners. It takes no note of the objections of the Bergen protestants. While pleasing one set of objectors, a change there would only create a new set.

In order to raise the money to carry out their design, the Commissioners made a requisition upon the Directors of the County Board of Freeholders for $100,000. Mr. Startup, the director, without consultation with the Commissioners, it would seem, advertised for bids for $2,000,000 of county bonds. He intended to raise only $1,000,000, the amount of the Commissioners' requisition, but thought by advertising for proposals for the larger amount, to be able to create a market for the bonds, and negotiate the sale of $100,000 of them the more easily. This advertisement came to the notice of some of the dissatisfied property-owners, and they made affidavit before Judge Bedle that the board had done nothing requiring the outlay of $2,000,000, and asked that the director be stopped negotiating the sale of the bonds. Judge Bedle granted the writ, and the matter will come up before the Supreme Court for argument in November next. Meanwhile the Commissioners are, of course, estopped from selling the bonds; but they have much labor before them still which they can transact without money. They can and will go on and fix the final location and have the final map prepared, and they can proceed to make the awards. This labor will require some weeks yet, and as soon as the certiorari shall have been decided they will be able to go on with their work.

THE STORM AT BALTIMORE.

TORRENTS OF RAIN AND TERRIFIC LIGHTNING—DAMAGE DONE BY BOTH.

The Baltimore papers contain long accounts of the storm on Sunday morning. The *Sun* gives the following description of it: "At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning a terrific thunder-storm passed over Baltimore, and the 'oldest inhabitant' declared, yesterday, that for sharp lightning and deafening thunder, the like has not occurred in Baltimore in twenty years. The thunder could be likened to the rapid discharge of artillery, and was incessant from 2:30 until 3 o'clock. The rain fell in torrents, and yesterday morning huge piles of mud, sand and brick could be seen in hundreds of gutters about the city. On Howard-street, south of Pratt, the stepping-stones greatly obstructed the flow of water, and as far south as Hill-street, not only was the bed of the street covered with water, but the sidewalks were inundated. Light-street, from Barre to Pratt, was flooded, the immense piles of sand and trash on Light-street preventing a ready flow of water into the dock. All the sewer openings along Light-street, from Lee to Pratt streets, were choked up with a composite of bricks, hoops, pieces of plank, straw, and other obstructions. At 2:45 o'clock A. M. the lightning struck the topmast of the sloop Lucy, lying at Pier No. 9, Light-street wharf, and so shivered the mast as to render it unfit for future use. The bolt struck the mast at its extreme top, passed down to within six feet of the deck, and then passed off into the water. Two colored men who were on the sloop at the time were slightly stunned by the lightning. On the Washington turnpike, near the city limits, three telegraph-poles were struck by the fluid and converted into kindling-wood. At the southern police-station the fluid played many curious pranks with the fire-alarm and police telegraph. At one time the room in which the telegraph instrument is kept was filled with flying sparks, the noise produced by the electric sparks resembling the explosion of torpedoes. The policemen in charge of the station becoming alarmed at the eccentric movements of the lightning, closed the doors of the instrument-room, and sought quarters in another part of the building.

The damage done by the storm in the western section of the city was mainly along the line of Chatsworth run, the water flooding nearly all the cellars on both sides of Chatsworth-street, from George to a point south of little Josephine street, where the run turns and runs east to Pine-street. The cellars on Pine-street as far as Vine-street and through to Arch were also filled. The side foundations to two houses on the corner of Chatsworth and little Josephine streets were carried into the tunnel, damaging the buildings about $500. One of the houses is owned and occupied by Henry Bohne as a grocery store, and the damage to his stock was about $150. The cellar of the house on the south-east corner of Pine and Josephine streets, owned and occupied by Frederick Mahn as a grocery store, was flooded, causing a damage of about $75. The tunnel at the corner of Chatsworth and Little Josephine streets is narrow, and was entirely inadequate to carry off the large body of water, hence the flooding of the cellars in the locality. The cellar under the drug-store of H. A. Elliott & Bro., on the south-east corner of Pine and Lexington streets, was filled with water, causing a damage of about $100. The cellars of the houses on Vine-street, from Pine to Arch, occupied by colored families, were all filled, causing an aggregate damage of from $500 to $600. Many of the cellars of the houses on Fremont-street, from Franklin to Saratoga, were also flooded, causing more or less damage. The stock in the cellar of the house No. 102 North Fremont-street, owned and occupied by E. Wosh, tobacconist, was damaged about $100 by the water. The foundations of three houses in the course of erection on the south-east corner of Franklin and Republican streets, were damaged about $500 by the cellars being filled with water. The houses, which were being erected by Mr. Knight, of East Baltimore, were up to the second story.

During the prevalence of the storm, the lightning struck the stable of George Sheetz, on Pierce-alley, between Ogston and Fremont streets, and killed a fine mare valued at $225. From the appearance of the roof and other portions of the woodwork, which was splintered and charred, it is supposed the building was on fire and had been extinguished by the heavy rain. A large tree in Harlem-square was struck by the lightning and shattered.

The mainmast of the schooner Leonidies, lying in the harbor at the foot of Johnson-street, was struck by the lightning and shivered to such an extent that its place will have to be supplied by a new mast. There was no person on board of the schooner at the time."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES.

The report of the Superintendent of Assessments and Taxes of the District of Columbia, just made to the Governor, contains the following: "I have the honor to report that the tax books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, have been completed, and I have caused them to be delivered to the Collector of Taxes. The footings of the different books present the following figures:

City of Washington	$80,539,782
City of Georgetown	6,272,010
County of Washington	9,621,280
Total	$96,433,072

You will observe that this aggregate of assessed values of the taxable property of the District varies very little from the estimate which I had the honor to forward to you previous to the third regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and is so near within the margin that all legislative action based upon my estimate is fully sustained by the actual summary now ascertained; and also that the completion of the tax-books has been realized by this office more than two months in advance of any preceding year, so that the collection of taxes may commence without delay. It is but justice to acknowledge that these results could not have been accomplished without the faithful and able efforts of the chief clerk, Mr. Morgan, and the efficient employes engaged in this work. In this connection I also beg leave to call your attention to the features of the new law providing for the appointment of eleven assessors, who are required to perform the clerical functions of this office in addition to their work of assessment, and I therefore respectfully recommend in your appointments you will please give due weight to the imperative necessity of clerical qualifications in the applicants, or great loss of time and large expenditures will again be unavoidable for the preparation with desirable accuracy and dispatch of the important books from which the revenue of the district depends.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The following shows the increase in the total of assessments since last year:

	Fis. year ending June 30, 1873.	Fis. year ending June 30, 1874.	Increase.
Washington	$72,880,380	$80,539,782	$7,659,402
Georgetown	6,366,488	6,272,010	.....
County	8,623,056	9,621,280	998,224
Total	$87,869,924	$96,433,072	$8,657,626

It will be observed that in the City of Georgetown there is a decrease of value of $94,478, which finds its natural explanation, and the total increase in the City and County of Washington is not only satisfactory, but also silences all exaggerated reports about unreasonable assessments."

THE LAW OF STORMS.

A lecture was delivered, last evening, on the "Law of Storms," by Dr. Wm. F. Thoms, at the New-York Nautical School, No. 92 Madison-street. The lecturer pointed out how the approach of storms was denoted by the appearance of the sky and the clouds, but more especially by the never-failing admonitions of the barometer, which forewarns the navigator from twelve to forty-eight hours before the verge of the storm reaches the ship. When the barometer falls to 29.50 inches the ship is in the verge of the storm circle, and the focus is then about 300 miles distant. At 100 miles from the focus the barometer falls to 29.20, and when it comes down to 28.49 the focus of the storm circle is within fifty miles of the ship. Should the vessel come within thirty miles of the focus the barometer will sink to 28 inches, while at or near the focus it will stand as low as 27 inches. The focus of these storms, he said, could be easily ascertained. By turning your back to the wind in north latitude the left hand will point to the centre of the hurricane; and in southern latitude, by the same rule, the right hand would indicate the focus. By "governing himself accordingly," the wary mariner saves his ship.

PRINTING CONTRACTS.

The Supervisors' Committee on Printing met yesterday in the new Court-house, and opened the following bids for printing the laws of the late Legislature affecting this City: Martin B. Brown, $2 50 a page; George F. Nesbittt, $3 35; *Evening Post*, $3 80; Tower, Gildersleeve & Co., $3; Larger, Littleman & Hillman, $3 62; Anson Herrick's Sons, $2 61, and T. B. Fisher, $3. The contract was awarded to Dr. Brown, he being the lowest bidder.

SARATOGA RACES.

THREE RACES TO-DAY—ENTRIES AND POOL-SELLING.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SARATOGA, Aug. 11.—To-morrow is the fourth day of the August meeting, and there are three races on the programme, which promises excellent sport if the weather is fine, but to-night there is an indication of rain, and the betting is light in consequence. The first race is a dash of one mile, for all ages—beaten maidens allowed five pounds. In this there are the gr. c. Crockford, 3 years, 90 pounds; ch. f. Minnie W., 3years, 87 pounds; ch. c. Joe Daniels, 4 years, 108 pounds; b. c. Wizard, 3 years, 90 pounds; ch. f. Business, 4 years, 108 pounds, and ch. c, Quits, 3 years, beaten maiden, 89 pounds. The second race is a dash of a mile and three-quarters, a free handicap, for all ages. The following seven have accepted their weights: Village Blacksmith, aged 105 pounds; Gorlitza, 4 years, 103 pounds; Camden, 5 years, 101 pounds; Gerald, aged, 101 pounds; Arizona, 5 years, 106 pounds; Eolus, 5 years, 101 p ounds, The Moor, 4 years, 97 pounds; Mart Jordan, 3 years, 84 pounds, and Warlike, 3 years, 83 pounds. The concluding event is a handicap hurdle race of two miles over eight hurdles, and out of twelve entries the acceptances are Duffy, aged, 161 pounds; Blind Tom, aged, 150 pounds; Trade Wind, 5 years, 150 pounds; Revenge, formerly Sorrel Dan, aged, 147 pounds; Notary Public, aged, 142 pounds; Viley, aged, 142 pounds; Victor, 4 years, 138 pounds. The pools sold were as follows:

MILE DASH.

Crockford	$400	$250	$275
Joe Daniels	280	160	175
Minnie W.	100	65	70
Business	25	15	15
Wizard	20	17	10
Quits	20	15	15

MILE AND THREE-QUARTERS.

Gorlitza	$135	$ ..
Arizona	100	..
Eolus	30	15
Chickabiddy	20	10
The Moor	20	10
Mart Jordan	25	15
Village Blacksmith	20	10
Warlike	16	9
Gerald and Camden	9	6

HURDLE RACE.

Blind Tom	$200
Trade Wind	80
Viley	40
Revenge	25
Victor	10
Notary Public	15

THE POOLS AT JOHNSON'S.

The following pools on the Saratoga races were sold at Johnson's, corner Twenty-eighth-street and Broadway, last evening:

HANDICAP—ALL AGES.

Gorlitza	$50	$100	$100
Mart Jordan	31	30	30
Eolus	20	25	25
Warlike	24	30	30
Field	20	15	18

ONE MILE—ALL AGES.

Crockford	$150	$125	$120
Joe Daniels	80	70	60
Minnie W.	26	21	20
Field	20	17	14

HURDLE RACE—TWO MILES.

Duffy	$70	$300	$100
Trade Wind	25	80	25
Blind Tom	20	75	30
Village Blacksmith	21	40	18
Field	16	35	14

MINOR CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Yesterday afternoon an unknown man, while attempting to cross Broadway, near Walker-street, was run over by one of the Broadway stages. While being conveyed to Park Hospital he died. Deceased was about five feet eight inches in height, dark hair and whiskers, and had on black and white linen coat, dark mixed pants and vest, black soft hat, and gaiters. The Coroner was notified, and an inquest will be held....Yesterday afternoon an altercation took place at the Cotton Press, No. 408 West-street, between Patrick H. Regan and William Jennings, both residing at No. 581 Greenwich-street. During the quarrel Regan struck Jennings on the back of the neck with an ax, injuring him severely. Regan was arrested and Jennings sent to Bellevue....Margaret King, aged seven years, of No. 35 West Fifty-second-street, was accidentally run over and slightly injured, at the corner of Fifty-second-street and Ninth-avenue....At 7:30 last evening Mary Donovan, of No. 161 Perry-street, was struck on her head with a club by her husband, Dennis Donovan, causing a severe scalp-wound. Donovan was arrested and Mary attended to by a physician....At 8 o'clock last evening a quarrel occurred at No. 242 Monroe-street, between Margaret Moore and Catherine Bennett, when the former struck the latter on the head with a china bowl, causing a severe scalp-wound....At the same hour, John Booth, of No. 149 Broome-street, and his wife quarreled, and Booth inflicted a severe wound on his wife's head with a china bowl. ....On Sunday evening last, while under the influence of liquor, Henry Clements, of No. 244 Delancey-street, while quarreling with August Vosch, of No. 282½ Howard-street, drew a revolver and fired on him, wounding him slightly in the left side. Justice Scott held him, yesterday, at Essex Market Police Court, in $1,000 bail.

PERSONAL.

Gov. A. G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, ex-Gov. A. J. Hamilton, of Texas, and Gen. George W. Cook, of Washington, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Lieut. Commodore S. W. Terry, of the United States Navy, and Cols. Isaacs and Bromley, of Hartford, are at the Hoffman House.

Col. T. P. Ochiltree, of Texas, and Capt. J. H. Merryman, of the United States Revenue Marine Service, are at the Everett House.

Gen. J. Condit Smith, of Buffalo, Judge Anthony, of Poughkeepsie, Collector Casey, of New-Orleans, and W. H. Painter, of Pennsylvania, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

John E. Owens, of Baltimore, and Hon. Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, are at the Astor House.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of South Carolina, Hon. William Phelps, of Springfield, and Judge S. Burke, of Cleveland, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

EVERGREENS CEMETERY.

Yesterday, Mr. A. G. Burgess applied to Judge Neilson, in the City Court of Brooklyn, for an injunction restraining Sylvester M. Beard and others from acting further as trustees of Evergreens Cemetery, and praying that a receiver be appointed. The cemetery was sold for debt in August of last year, and bought by Mr. Beard, one of the original incorporators. The plaintiff in the present suit, who is a lot-owner, sets forth that the lot-owners are excluded from any participation in the management, and that nothing is spent in the embellishment of the cemetery. It was set forth that the cemetery was going to ruin from neglect. The defense alleged that the lot-owners' right to vote in the organization of the management lapsed by the act of the Legislature, which conferred on Mr. Beard power to form a new corporation. The Judge took the papers and reserved his decision.

A NEW BROOKLYN RAILROAD.

The managers of the Atlantic-avenue Railroad have commenced work at Fulton Ferry on a branch railroad to run through Front and Water streets, and through Adams-street and Boerum-place, with an extension up Franklin-avenue to Prospect Park. It is also proposed, in accordance with routes laid down in railroad bills passed by the last Legislature, to construct connecting lines from Flatbush-avenue through Seventh-avenue to Greenwood; from Flatbush-avenue to New-York-avenue through Butler-street; thence through Douglas-street to East New-York, with branch lines to Flatbush.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.

According to advices just received the medal for merit in Group No. 26 (Education, Teaching, and Instruction) has been awarded to the "Collection of the Periodical Literature of America," brought together and exhibited at the Vienna Exposition by Mr. E. Steiger, of this City. It appears that the Germans felt sure of keeping the medal at home, but it will have to leave them. To those who maintained that the only excellence of which America gave evidence in Vienna was in machinery, this award will come as a stimulating surprise.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT.

The Fifth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., mainly composed of our German fellow-citizens, mustered at 3 o'clock yesterday, to the number of 400, at their armory in Hester-street. They were dressed in white duck trousers and fatigue caps, their chiracteristic *pickelhaubes* being, from the heat, dispensed with. They marched to Tompkins-square, under Lieut. Col. Kraeger, in the absence of Col. Charles S. Spencer, and went through Upton's Infantry tactics in a most creditable manner. The advance in line was especially good.

VISIONS OF UTOPIA.

About twenty members, several being "leading Internationals," of the New-York Association for the Promotion of Cheap Transportation, met last evening, and advocated: Free banking laws, graduated taxation, universal laws ratified by the people, liberal expenditure, one Presidential term, immediate return to specie payments, prohibition of imports, no interest for money, and no borrowing, &c. These desirable issues were energetically discussed, and the gentlemen, after enjoying a very pleasant evening in talk, separated "with sentiments of the profoundest mutual consideration."

THE ALBANY MURDER.

NO CLUE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE VICTIM OR THE MURDERER.

The Albany *Express* of yesterday has the following additional particulars of the mysterious case of murder in West Albany: "Never was a more atrocious or sickening deed committed than that of last Wednesday night, when, in a lonely and desolate spot, just off from the railroad track, some distance beyond West Albany, an unknown one-armed man was murdered. In our last issue we gave the particulars of the mysterious tragedy, so far as known at the time, and as yet but little that can throw light upon the dreadful deed has come to the ears of the police. On Saturday, in company with the detectives, an *Express* reporter visited the place in which the body of the murdered man was found. It is a wild, gloomy spot, in a gully near the foot of a hill, in the shadow of some giant pine trees, and all thereabouts, the vegetation—the bushes and the young trees—have their barks and leaves stained with the dark marks of human blood. It was very evident to the detectives that the man was not killed where he was found, but upon the brow of the hill, and the body was then carried and thrown into the place where the farmer's boy, Van Worman, found it on Thursday morning, when he was going over to help to mow down a ripe oat field. All Saturday morning the detectives searched in the vicinity of the murder for the pistol that helped to do the sorry work; but their search was fruitless, the only thing being found anywhere near there being a copy of the *Express* of the issue of the Fourth of July. Footprints were discovered from the ravine across the corner of a field of oats, and others across a field of potatoes, to the railroad track, some distance north-east of Central-avenue crossing. Near the railroad tracks the foot-prints of a number of persons were discovered. The detectives followed down the railroad track, and at the residence of Michael Miller, a workman for the railroad company, who has been stationed at that point a number of years, failed to learn of a one-armed man having been in that vicinity for several days, but did learn from Mr. Miller that on Wednesday night he thinks he heard fifteen or sixteen pistol-shots in the direction where the murder was probably committed. He says he heard eight or ten, and then at an interval of two minutes or so, four or five more. It was about midnight, and he never heard anything like it but on the Fourth of July.

A man named Strop gave the information that on Monday last a person answering the description of the murdered man was seen sleeping under a tree, but more than that he did not know, and no one in the vicinity could be found who had seen anything of a one-armed man. Four rough-looking customers, who had been employed by Contractor Trull on the new double track, have been laying around West Albany for the past few days, drinking and carousing, were, for some reason or other, very anxious to get away Saturday, and to have their baggage expressed. Detectives Malone and Brennan, learning this, detained their baggage Saturday afternoon until it was examined, but nothing suspicious was found in the chests, and so the detectives, discouraged, were compelled to return to the city. A card, upon which was printed the following, was found upon the murdered man:

Theo. Grunwold,
Shaving and Hair Dressing Saloon,
No. 35 Atlantic Ave., South Brooklyn.

And on Saturday afternoon a long dispatch was sent by the Chief of Police and the District Attorney to Brooklyn, making inquiries, when the following answer was received:

BROOKLYN, Aug. 9, 1873.

John Maloy, Chief of Police:

Grunwold knows nothing of any such man. One of his men says he thinks that some four weeks ago a stranger with one arm got shaved there. Calais.

JOHN S. FOLK, Acting Chief.

Yesterday detectives Malone and Brennan, with District Attorney Moak, again visited the scene of the murder, but no new facts were discovered, and the case is still shrouded in mystery. The police at one time were under the impression that a clue had been obtained in regard to the identity of the murdered man, but investigation resulted in leaving the mystery unsolved. A man named John D. Brown, who resides corner of Jacob and Tenth streets, Troy, called on Chief Maloy and stated that he had a brother bearing the description of the murdered man, who left home on Wednesday morning last, and his friends had not seen or heard from him since. Mr. Brown stated that his brother, named Abram C. Brown, had lost his left arm, and was dressed in clothes corresponding to the description of the garments found on the dead man. Abram was in the employ of Messrs. Smith & Benson, of Troy and Cohoes, as agent for the Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machines. Seeing accounts in the papers of the finding of the murdered man, his relatives had become apprehensive that Abram was the victim of the murder.

Mr. Brown, after conversing with Chief Maloy, visited Dr. Haskins, who made the post mortem, and Coroner Harrigan, who took charge of the body, and examined the clothes found on the murdered man. A young man who was with him, and well acquainted with Abram, said the shoes were not like those worn by Abram, and Mr. Brown said the coat and pants, although of nearly the same color, did not correspond with those worn by his brother. He also said his brother's hair was darker than that of the murdered man, and that he would not weigh much over ninety, while the deceased probably weighed 120. The Coroner found a pair of eye-glasses attached to a buckle on the suspenders of the murdered man, and said the middle finger of the hand of the deceased was double-jointed, and would bend backward and forward with equal facility.

Mr. Brown said his brother never used eye-glasses, and he did not remember that his brother had such a peculiarity about his finger. Mr. Brown stated that the bandages were taken off the stump of his brother's arm only a few months ago, while Dr. Haskins is of the opinion that the stump of the arm of the murdered man had been healed for years. After investigating the matter so far as possible without seeing the body, which is buried, Mr. Brown came to the conclusion that his brother was not the victim of the murder; but did not appear to be entirely satisfied, and to-day will endeavor to ascertain his whereabouts, if alive."

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The Albany *Express* of yesterday states that "The pilots to the Sunnyside, running to Troy, charge that on Friday night, while coming up the river, and when forty-five miles below the city, the steamer Drew was seen rapidly approaching in the darkness; that they sounded the whistle once—the signal to turn to the right—and headed the Sunnyside to the east shore; that the Drew did not answer the signal, but continued straight ahead, as if determined to crowd the Troy boat on the flats; that they run their boat as near the shore as they dared; that the Drew continued to come with unabated speed, and a terrible collision seemed inevitable. The Sunnyside drifted a few feet nearer the shore, and when the Drew passed her the pilots of the Sunnyside say one might easily have stepped aboard the Drew. This certainly is a very serious matter, and we trust the pilots of the Drew can give a satisfactory explanation."

A STRANGE DEATH.

Wm. Dodd, a prominent citizen of Newark, died on Saturday evening from a somewhat remarkable cause. Deceased, when a boy, swallowed a beard of wheat, the respiration carrying it into his lung, where it remained for three years, well nigh causing his death from consumption. At the end of that time he coughed it up, after which he had robust health. Last New-Year's Day a sudden strain reopened the old wound—as shown by the autopsy—and all the food he swallowed was coughed up through the lung, so that he literally starved to death. Deceased was fifty-one years of age.

INQUEST ON A SUICIDE.

An inquest was last night held by Coroner Mahan, at Library Hall, Jersey City, on the body of Mary E. Williams, a servant in the family of William Brown, on Newark-avenue, who committed suicide on Saturday by taking laudanum. It was supposed by the girl's friends that the act was caused by faithlessness and desertion on the part of her lover, William Erwood, who was arrested to await the investigation. The prisoner denied that he had ever been engaged to her. The jury rendered a verdict of suicide, and censured the druggist, Wells, for having sold the girl the laudanum which caused her death.

THE CRISPINS.

A special meeting of the members of Lodge No. 69, Knights of the Order of St. Crispin, was held last evening at the New-York Casino, Mott and Houston streets. A report was received that the shop of Mr. Smith on Broadway and Prince-street, who, up to the present, had been paying first-class wages, had seceded, and wanted to reduce the wages of the workmen employed there. It was determined to place this shop on strike, and induce all society men to abstain from working there.

A strike is also probable in the establishment of Messrs. G. T. and C. Morrow, of Nos. 41 and 43 Warren-street.

CRICKET NOTES.

A game of cricket will be commenced to-day at Camp Washington, Staten Island, between the second elevens of the St. Georges and Staten Island clubs. The game will be continued to-morrow, the wickets being pitched at 3 P. M. each day. On Saturday a match will be played at Staten Island between the first elevens of the same clubs, play to commence at 11 o'clock, sharp.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Judge Pratt, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, granted a decree of divorce to Charles D. Merritt from his wife, Mary E. Merritt.

A quantity of cigars, amounting to nearly 3,000, was seized by the customs officers, yesterday, on board the Havana steam-ship Cleopatra.

William Van Name, formerly President of the Market Savings Bank, who tried to get released from custody, was yesterday remanded to the Sheriff's keeping.

Johran Junk, a German waiter, who has been out of employment for several months past, committed suicide yesterday morning at his residence, by taking Paris green.

It is said that the late Thomas Passmore Hanbest, of Philadelphia, was admitted to the Bar by Judge Edward King, of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and not by Chief Justice Gibson.

Michael Brady, of No. 3 East Houston-street, was brought before Commissioner Davenport, yesterday, charged with selling liquors without paying the special tax. On a full settlement, including costs, &c., he was discharged.

Hugh Layman, Stephen Pascal, Robert Pernell, and others, charged with illegally removing goods from the United States bonded warehouse, No. 119 Greenwich-street, were discharged, yesterday, by Commissioner Osborn, in $500 bail each.

Gideon L. Walker, the lawyer, indicted for an attempt to induce perjury, was yesterday admitted to bail in the District Attorney's office in the sum of $1,000. Mr. John J. Knoeppel became his bondsman.

Company I of the Ninety-sixth Regiment, Capt. John Schneider, engaged in its ninth annual prize-shooting at the Bellevue Garden yesterday, which was largely attended by the officers and members of the regiment.

At 4 four o'clock yesterday, a fire broke out on the third floor of the three-story and half brick building, No. 101 Henry-street, occupied by William Rosenthal as a dwelling. Damage $300, insured for $3,000 in Park Insurance Company.

As before announced, the Eighth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., will be reviewed by Governors Dix and Parker at the Schuetzen Park, Union Hill, N. J., to-day. The Governors will give the prizes at 3 o'clock and at 4 o'clock there will be dancing.

The Board of Apportionment was to have met yesterday, to take action on the resolution proposing to appoint clerks to assist the Commissioners of Accounts, but owing to the absence of the Controller, the Mayor adjourned the meeting, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Société Française d'Emigration during the past two months aided 200 French immigrants at an expense of $110 35 for lodgings and transportation to their destinations. Since the formation of the society, in November last, 726 French immigrants have been thus aided.

The Central Benevolent Society of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows gave an annual picnic at Hamilton Park yesterday, in which the Odd-fellows' Saengerbund assisted. The park was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and in the evening there was an illumination.

John Cashin has been appointed Engineer of the Lunatic Asylum, in Blackwell's Island, and James A. O'Donnell Engineer of the Nursery at Randall's Island. Mr. Allaire, who was appointed Warden of the Lunatic Asylum on the 25th, entered upon his duties yesterday.

The order of the Herrmann's Sons celebrated its thirtieth anniversary by a picnic and Summer night's festival at Jones' Wood yesterday, which attracted a large attendance of the members of the order and their families. The proceeds of the affair will go to the charitable fund established by the order.

The German Republican organization of the Second Assembly District, Otto Stropp presiding, held a meeting at No. 14 North William-street last night, discussing the arrangements for a festival to be held on the 9th ult. at Jones' Wood, in which the different German Republican organizations throughout the City will participate.

Wm. Wayard, a driver, employed by the Consumers' Ice Company, was arrested yesterday and brought before Commissioner Stillwell, charged with having opened and destroyed a letter addressed to another company. Commissioner Stillwell said he had no jurisdiction in the matter, and advised that the prisoner be taken before a police justice.

Commissioner Van Nort, of the Department of Public Works, makes the following statement of public moneys received by his department during the week ending Saturday last: For Croton water rent, penalties, and taps, $20,507 06; for vault permits, $1,895 37; for sewer permits, $410; for sewer-pipe sold to contractors, $1,419 70; total, $24,232 13.

Controller Green reports the following amounts paid yesterday into the City Treasury: From arrears of taxes, assessments, water rent, and interest, $7,006 20; assessments for street openings and improvements and interest, $6,992 28; water-lot, ground, house, and market cellar rents, and market rents and fees, $2,636 19; Croton water rents and penalties, $2,153 60; licenses, $36 75; sale of *City Record*, $18 92; total, $18,845 94.

The Sixth Assembly District Union Republican Association met last evening at No. 384 Grand-street. Daniel F. Crowley, the President, made a speech severely censuring Controller Green, after which a Mr. Carroll offered a resolution requesting the appointment of a delegation to wait on the heads of various departments of the City soliciting patronage for the members of their association. After debate the motion was lost, and the meeting adjourned.

BROOKLYN.

Yesterday, while Thomas Keegan, eleven years old, was fishing on the dock at the foot of Clymer-street, Williamsburg, a pile of lumber fell on him, killing him instantly. The deceased resided at No. 135 North Sixth-street.

The old ladies from the Homes of Herkimer and Atlantic avenues, and DeKalb and Washington avenues, visit Canarse to-day under the auspices of the Fresh Air Fund. They will dine at the Bay View House, and take tea with ex-Alderman Eckert at Rockaway Beach. There will be a band, singing by the old ladies, a quartet of male voices, led by Mr. John Clark, the basso of Grace Church, in this City, bathing, jumping the rope, and other amusements.

LONG ISLAND.

The German camp-meeting at Sea Cliff Grove has, so far, been almost a failure, there being but very few persons in attendance. The meeting, however, is spirited, and services are held regularly every day.

The third annual regatta of the Rockaway Boating Association took place on last Saturday over the usual course, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. The first prize, a handsome set of silk colors, to be embroidered with the name of the winning craft and owner, was awarded to Capt. Nat. Jarvis, of the Halcyon. The second prize, a sum of money, has not as yet been awarded.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ray King, widow of the late ex-Governor John A. King, took place yesterday afternoon, from the Episcopal Church, in the village of Jamaica. The services were conducted by Right Rev.